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## Egyptian Navy intercepts Israeli pleasure boat

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 9. (AP): The Egyptian Navy detained 35 people, including French and German tourists, today after intercepting and damaging an Israeli pleasure boat that apparently strayed into Egyptian waters in the Red Sea, the Foreign Ministry and Israel Radio said.

The passengers and boat were released after five hours following intervention by Egyptian diplomats at Israel's request, the radio said.

In another incident today, an Israeli fishing boat was seized in the Red Sea by the Egyptian Navy, and six people were taken into custody, the ministry and the radio said.

The tour boat interception was the most Israeli-Egyptian border incident involving tourists since an Egyptian policeman went berserk and opened fire in October 1985 in a Sinai desert resort, killing six Israelis.

### Disrupted

Israel Radio said the tour boat, named Maya, was intercepted by the Egyptian Navy ship Issas south of the disputed border area of Taba.

It said the Egyptian gunboat rammed a hole in the Israeli ship, breaking water pipes. Aboard the Maya were 15 tourists from France and West Germany, 15 Israeli vacationers and a five-man Israeli crew, the radio said.

The radio quoted Maya's captain Moshe Saar as saying Egyptian troops threatened the vessel with guns and later jammed radio communications.

The troops searched the Israeli boat and towed it to an Egyptian Navy base on nearby Coral Island, the radio said.

### Plane shot down

ISLAMABAD, (AP): Anti-communist guerrillas have shot down an Afghan military transport aircraft, killing 16 people, including two Army generals, state-owned Radio Kabul said yesterday.

## Airliner hit by lightning

# Vietnamese plane crashes killing 75

BANGKOK, Sept. 9. (Agencies): A Vietnamese jetliner trying to land in heavy rain storm crashed and exploded in a rice field near Bangkok airport today, killing 75 people aboard and seriously injuring six, officials said.

Eighty one people, including six crew members, were on board.

The Soviet-made, TU-134 jet blew up after hitting the field about six kilometres (four miles) north of Don Muang International Airport, said an Air Force spokesman, Sommot Sundaravej. It crashed three minutes before its scheduled landing, he said.

Both the pilots survived the crash. One of them was quoted as saying that the plane was hit by lightning during the rainstorm. Tran Van Viet, Third Secretary at the Vietnamese embassy in Bangkok, said he was quoting the co-pilot identified only as Phuong, 41.

Viet said another pilot, named Dong, also survived the crash and was undergoing operations for serious injuries.

### Indians

Kitti Yensudai, director of Bhumibol Hospital, said a Frenchman, a Polish woman, Dong and three other Vietnamese were in intensive care.

A UN official, speaking anonymously, said his office in Hanoi told him about 40 Vietnamese were aboard.

India's Ambassador to Vietnam, Arun Patwardhan, 48, was killed along with his wife and son, said an official of the Indian embassy in Bangkok. Eight other Indians also died.



Rescue workers search the broken tail section of the Vietnamese airliner which crashed near Bangkok airport. (Reuters wirephoto)

The Japanese embassy in Bangkok said a passenger list included a Second Secretary of the Japanese embassy in Hanoi, Kiyokata Iida; and two other Japanese passengers.

Diplomats said two Swedish government aid workers, two Frenchmen, two Finns and a Briton also died. Airport officials said there also were Polish

ish and Burmese passengers on board.

"I heard an explosion louder than lightning," said Orn Chayaklinter, a villager who witnessed the crash from his wooden house nearby. "It fell into the paddy field and ball of fire rolled for a kilometre (half mile)."

Both the cockpit voice and flight data recorders were retrieved in excellent condition, said Maj. Gen. Sopon Savagamin.

the regional police commander leading the rescue effort.

The plane's scheduled departure time from Hanoi was 10:00 am (0300 GMT). The pilot lost contact with the Bangkok control tower at 11:26 am (0426 GMT), and the plane soon disappeared from radar screens.

Rescue workers pumped out the roadside pond where the cockpit and fuselage were lodged to retrieve bodies. Hundreds of

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## Gulf talks may be adjourned

# Shatt Al Arab is key to peace: Iraq

GENEVA, Sept. 9. (Agencies): Iraq today reaffirmed its position at the stalled Gulf peace talks and accused Iran of wasting time, while the UN mediator was said to prepare for calling a ceasefire.

In a written statement, Iraq dismissed the Iranian delegation's stance as "fantasy to explain its flight from direct talks lately as a result of the instability of the government it represents."

The Iraqi statement said settlement talks cannot move past the basic ceasefire arrangements unless Baghdad's concerns are met on two points raised earlier — free navigation and UN-supervised clearing of the Shatt Al Arab waterway, Iraq's main sea outlet.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati yesterday again called these issues as "extraneous elements" that could be raised later in the talks.

### Disagreement

He said the negotiations, in their third week, have been hung up on this disagreement since they began on Aug. 25. Iran's priority is the withdrawal of forces to internationally recognised boundaries, he added.

The Iraqi rebuttal charged Iran's portrayal was a "falsehood." It said Baghdad emphasised its position in two letters to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar before talks began, "so the raising of these two issues is neither extraneous nor new."

Iran was accused of "procrastination" and Velayati urged to "get down to business."

Unless the unclogging of the Shatt Al Arab is linked with the

ceasefire, Iran could obstruct the UN clearing operation, the statement by the Iraqi diplomatic mission said.

And it said "no arrangement of ceasefire at sea can be completed without freedom of navigation in the Gulf and through the Straits of Hormuz."

A UN-sponsored ceasefire took effect on Aug. 20, clearing the way for talks on a permanent settlement to end the nearly eight-year-old Gulf war.

### Negotiations

Face-to-face meetings were held only on the first two days of negotiations, and neither foreign minister has met UN mediator Jan Eliasson since last Saturday.

Signs increased today that talks may be suspended before resuming in New York later this month.

UN spokeswoman Therese Gastaut said continuing low-level, indirect contacts were focusing on "how to proceed" and that the mediator, Jan Eliasson, was likely to call a press conference tomorrow or Sunday.

Sources close to the talks said he was expected to announce a recess, and that the main sticking point over the last few days was disagreement between the two sides over a resumption date. The sources spoke on condition of anonymity.

Velayati gave a first public hint of an impending suspension at his yesterday's new conference and said talks could resume in "maybe two or three weeks."

The timing of the next round would likely coincide with Perez

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## Iraqi ship makes safe Gulf voyage

DUBAI, Sept. 9. (Agencies): An Iraqi vessel sailed out of the Gulf ignored by Iranian warships after a threat of renewed hostilities from Baghdad, military sources said yesterday.

Iraq's President Saddam Hussein had warned Tehran on Tuesday that the Gulf war would break out again if Iran stopped and searched any Iraqi vessels using the waterway.

The sources said the 3,985-tonne Khawla, flying the Iraqi flag and carrying fertilizer, passed unimpeded through the 22-mile-wide Strait of Hormuz and out of the Gulf on Wednesday night.

### Careful

"The Iranians haven't searched a ship for weeks and they ignored this one too," one source said.

"They have been careful to avoid any incident."

Though the two sides implemented a ceasefire on Aug. 20, Iran says it is still technically at war and has the right under international law to check ships for war material going to Iraq.

Iran said its Navy stopped and searched the Khawla when it entered the Gulf on the first day of the ceasefire.

Iraq, which ordered the Khawla into the Gulf, a prompt move to assert its right of free navigation, denied the ship was searched and said an Iranian helicopter merely hovered over it.

Iraq also sent a small tanker and another merchant ship into the Gulf immediately after the ceasefire.

Peace talks between Iran and Iraq in Geneva have faltered over the issue of navigation rights and sovereignty over the Shatt Al Arab waterway between the two countries.

Iraqi Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz warned in an interview that any Iranian effort of force against Iraqi shipping would be a breach of the UN-mediated ceasefire.

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## U Nu calls for general elections on Oct 9

# Rival government formed in Burma



U Nu

RANGOON, Sept. 9. (AP): Former Prime Minister U Nu, toppled in a 1962 military coup, announced today the formation of a rival government, as hundreds of mutinous soldiers joined crowds agitating for democracy.

In a letter distributed to diplomatic missions in Rangoon, U Nu called for general elections on Oct. 9 and unveiled a 26-member cabinet with himself as prime minister, one-time president Maung Win Maung as President and retired General Tin Oo as Defence Minister.

There was no immediate reaction to the move — considered high treason — from the government of President Maung Maung or the military. Some other opposition leaders said U Nu's move could cause disunity.

"I have exercised my (constitutional) right at 9 am (0030 GMT) this morning," U Nu wrote. "I have taken back the power which Gen. Ne Win has robbed from me."

### Power

"From this hour, sovereign power no longer rests with Gen. Ne Win. It has come back into my hands, and I announce this fact with joy."

The 82-year-old politician was toppled in a coup led by Ne Win, who held power for the next 26 years. Although Ne Win officially retired as head of the ruling party in July, many analysts believe he still exercises decisive control.

Several countries began recalling some of their nationals

## It's awesome, says \$55m lottery winner

TALLAHASSEE, Florida, Sept. 9. (Agencies): A 63-year-old real estate broker, who picked numbers at random from her morning newspaper was declared the winner of Florida's record \$55.1 million lottery jackpot.

"It's awesome" Sheelagh Ryan, a resident of the small town of Winter Springs, Florida, exclaimed to reporters.

Ryan overcame 14-million-to-one odds and will receive around \$2.7 million a year for the next 20 years, lottery officials said.

She refused to reveal her personal details except to say she was single and had no children.

### Combination

Ryan said she had not yet decided what to do with the money and was meeting lawyers and accountants to study her options. "I've always been middle class and the middle class always need money," she said.

She said she was not sure if she would keep her job as a broker for an estate agency.

Ryan picked the winning combination last Friday morning by writing down the first six numbers she found on the front page of the Orlando Sentinel newspaper : 3-5-19-20-27-35. The drawing was held on Saturday night.

The previous record lottery prize in North America was \$51.4 million, won in California in June.

## Non-aligned ministers agree to resolutions

# Yugoslavia asked to host next summit

NICOSIA, Sept. 9. (AP): The foreign ministers from the Non-Aligned Movement produced resolutions today on major conflicts — including Afghanistan, Palestine as well as the Iran-Iraq war — and asked Yugoslavia to host its next summit conference.

Political and economic committees worked all day to hammer out the documents on the third day of the conference, as dozens of delegation chiefs addressed a plenary session.

Violating

Afghanistan's Foreign Minister Abdul Wakil, told the conference that the United States and Pakistan were violating the peace accord, sending weapons to Muslim guerrillas fighting his communist-ruled country.



The truck on fire near the petrol station in Shuwaikh. (Photo by Ahmed Al Burini)

## Disaster averted

# Truck catches fire at petrol station

The disaster was averted by the station's attendants who put out the first blaze at the pumps and on the truck with fire extinguishers.

### Dented

The truck caught fire again as attendants and the driver were moving the truck out of the station. The fire brigade arrived and put out the second fire.

The manager of the petrol station denied reports appearing in Arabic dailies which said the fire

was caused by a cigarette. Hesaid the fire may have been caused by petrol falling on the hot exhaust pipe of the truck.

The driver sustained slight burns to his hands while moving the truck out of the station, the manager said.

The manager also said the station will be closed until repairs are completed.

An investigation is underway to determine the exact cause of the fire.

## DAY BY DAY

THE Central Bank has asked companies and banks to purchase 10 per cent of their respective shares from the stock market.

The banks and companies are quite willing to follow these directives. But the question is how can they do so when the government com-

panies, through what is known as private portfolios, are indeed the sellers?

Such purchases would be without profit. Moreover, why do the so-called private portfolios not keep these shares — especially when the prices of these shares are less than their book value? Amazing — if not funny!

Zahid Matar

## INTERNATIONAL

**WHO reports 3,143 new AIDS cases in August**

GENEVA, Sept. 9. (Reuter): A total of 3,143 new cases of AIDS were officially reported around the world last month, raising the global tally to 111,854 in 140 countries on Aug. 31, the World Health Organisation (WHO) said today.

The United States accounted for most of the increase with 2,086 new cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome, lifting its cumulative total to 71,171.

France signalled 583 new cases, giving it the second highest officially reported total of 4,211. Italy announced 368 new cases, reaching an overall figure of 2,233.

Of the world total, 80,994 cases were reported from the American region, 14,939 from Africa and 14,610 from Europe, WHO said.

Countries with the highest individual totals included Uganda with 4,006, Brazil 2,956, West Germany 2,307, and Kenya 2,097.

The WHO said it officially reported cases of AIDS were less than half the true total, which it estimated at approximately 250,000 to 300,000.

There is no known cure for AIDS, which is spread mainly through sexual contact and contaminated blood.

**League condemns campaign remarks****Bush and Dukakis accused of Arab bashing**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9. (Reuter): The Arab League yesterday accused Republican George Bush and his Democratic rival Michael Dukakis of "Arab bashing" and giving unquestioned support to Israeli policies.

The League, in a statement, took issue with remarks by the presidential contenders in speeches on Wednesday to the B'nai Brith, a Jewish service organisation.

Dukakis said he "will never recognise a unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state or government-in-exile."

Bush, before the same group, said his administration "would not support the creation of any Palestinian entity that would jeopardise the security of our

strategic ally, Israel."

The League said its members were surprised that the two candidates in the Nov. 8 election "did not see fit to share the international outrage of Israel's ruthless and violent suppression of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories."

The Arab League's Ambassador in Washington, Clovis Maksoud, told a news conference the candidates' remarks about the Palestinian issue have been much stronger this year than in previous election years.

"It is the heightened level of bias that has stunned the Arab diplomatic community. It is condemnable. It has gone beyond the normal state of pandering to the Israeli lobby," Maksoud said.

Maksoud said Palestinian self-determination and the creation of a Palestinian state were priorities for the Arab states.

Dukakis's comment that the violence in the territories poses new danger to Israel shows "he either is ignorant of what has and continues to take place in the

said. "We strongly resent the Palestinian and Arab bashing," the League said.

"Israel is threatening the Arab countries' security," said Maksoud.

**Agreed**

Meanwhile, Dukakis and Bush have agreed to square off "man-to-man" in televised election debates that can produce the sort of high-risk clashes which have influenced US voters heavily in the past.

With polls showing voter

allegiance shifting almost daily — one survey reported that one-fifth of those currently supporting each man say they might change sides — political experts say the two planned debates have the potential to determine the

outcome of the presidential election.

Vice-President Bush, carrying the Republican banner, yesterday fired a campaign aide accused of anti-semitism.

After weeks of posturing and negotiations, sides agreed that Bush and Dukakis would debate on Sept. 25 and again on either Oct. 13 or 14.

**Potential**

Vice-presidential candidates Dan Quayle, the Republican, and Lloyd Bentsen will have their own debate during the week beginning Oct. 3.

"The debates have the potential to make or break a candidacy," Democratic strategist Robert Beckel said.

**Pershing missiles destroyed**

KARNACK, Texas, Sept. 9. (AP): With a deafening roar and towering clouds of white smoke, two Pershing nuclear-missile rocket motors were destroyed, the first US weapons eliminated under the arms reduction treaty with the Soviet Union.

Vice-President George Bush and a 12-member Soviet inspection team were among hundreds of observers who watched the burnings yesterday at the Longhorn

Army ammunition plant in northeast Texas about 145 miles (233 kilometres) east of Dallas.

Afterward, the Soviet team said it was satisfied with the burnings.

Last week, US observers went to the Soviet Union to witness the destruction of missiles there under terms of the US-Soviet intermediate-range nuclear forces treaty.

**Churbanov admits abuse of office**

MOSCOW, Sept. 9. (UPI): The son-in-law of the late Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev admitted he abused his powers while serving in the Interior Ministry, but denied charges of massive bribe-taking, which carries a possible death penalty.

Yuri Churbanov, 52, charged with accepting the equivalent of \$1.05 million in bribes, answered the charges yesterday on the fourth day of a trial viewed as a broad indictment of widely reported corruption during the Brezhnev era. Brezhnev ruled from 1964 until his death in 1982.

**Charges**

"I admit my guilt in abuse of office but don't admit guilt in receiving bribes," Churbanov said, his voice trailing off.

Under Soviet law, abuse of office is punishable by up to 15

years in jail while conviction for official bribery and corruption can mean the death penalty.

Seven other defendants, all former Interior Ministry officials in the Soviet republic of Uzbekistan, admitted guilt in varying degrees to similar charges. Some eight defendants from Uzbekistan pleaded innocent.

Thursday's court session, packed with spectators, was the last to be opened to Western reporters, but the trial was expected to last several months.

**Adjourned**

Reading from the 1,500-page indictment, a court official said:

"Moral dissolution reached unheard of heights, mainly in the party organs of the republic of Uzbekistan, especially since the most glaring of this was the first

secretary of the Uzbekistan Communist Party, Sharaf Rashidov, a friend of Brezhnev who later died.

The indictment quoted a former Uzbek police chief as saying: "In Uzbekistan at that time, there existed a system where you gave bribes to your superiors so they could pass the money on to top officials."

The Interior Ministry is in charge of the police.

Tass said the trial was adjourned until Monday because Churbanov's attorney Andrei Makarov "suffered a heart attack today."

Although the English version of the Tass report used the term "heart attack," the Russian-language dispatch used the milder term, "heart pains."

**Network of popular committees smashed: Israel****Mass arrests in Gaza**

RAMALLAH, West Bank, Sept. 9. (Reuter): The Israeli Army said today it had broken the back of a Palestinian uprising in the occupied Gaza Strip by smashing a network of popular committees and arresting 200 suspected militants.

But there was no sign that the second major Army swoop announced this week had broken the resolve of Arab protesters as the anti-Israeli revolt entered its 10th month.

**Arrested**

A general strike called by a growing Islamic resistance movement, Hamas, closed shops in most of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and several Palestinian protesters were wounded in widespread clashes with Israeli troops.

Major-General Yitzhak Mordechai, head of southern command, said security forces had broken up a network of 37 local

committees behind dozens of attacks on soldiers, Arab strike-breakers and Palestinian collaborators with Israel.

Israel radio quoted him as saying that all the leaders of the Gaza uprising had been arrested.

"These arrests irreparably harm the extent of their activities. It may be that there will be replacements but it will not be on the scale of the popular committees," Army spokesman Major Moshe Fogel said.

But security sources and Palestinians in Gaza cast strong doubt on the significance of the Army announcement.

They said most of the arrests were made more than a month ago, before a mid-August upsurge in unrest in the Gaza Strip.

Attacks on troops and accused collaborators have continued since then.

"It's old news, rehashed for

propaganda," an Israeli security source said.

The sources said the man described by the Army as the head of the Gaza popular committees, Abdallah Abu Samahadana, a lecturer at Gaza's Islamic University, had been under arrest for weeks and was served with a deportation order last month.

The Army also announced that 150 Arab detainees would be released from the controversial Ketziot prison camp in the Negev desert at the weekend as a goodwill gesture marking the Jewish new year. Some 2,600 Palestinians are held there without trial.

Nine Palestinian towns and refugee camps were under curfew today, including the city of Kalkilya, where troops this week arrested more than 200 suspects in a crackdown on popular committees.

**Yugoslavia asked to host next...**

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had agreed to the phrasing of the section of the eight-year-old Gulf war.

The draft resolution also com-

manded the US Navy's July 3

downing of an Iran Air jet over

the Gulf with 290 people killed.

It said Iran and other countries

with citizens on board were enti-

tled to compensation.

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ney in 22 days, knocking 12 days off

the record set by British journal-

ist Brian Milton last year.

A spokesman for the organisa-

tion said in New Delhi.

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Speed record**

NEW DELHI, Sept. 9. (Reuter): Millionaire pilot Jay Singhania landed in India yesterday to set a new record for a flight from Britain in a microlight aircraft, organisers said.

The industrialist completed the 9,600 km (6,000-mile) journey in 22 days, knocking 12 days off the record set by British journal-

ist Brian Milton last year.

A spokesman for the organisa-

tion said in New Delhi.

**230 rescued**

HORTEN, Norway, Sept. 9. (AP): Some 230 passengers climbed into lifeboats and made it safely to land this morning after fire broke out on board a ferry on the outer Oslo Fjord; the national NTB news agency reported.

Passengers on the DA-No Limferry "Holger Danske," all believed to be Norwegian and Danish, were evacuated because of thick smoke generated by the fire, NTB said.

**Man shot dead**

BELFAST, Sept. 9. (AP): Gunmen shot and killed a man on a Belfast-bound commuter train today, then fled from a suburban station in a waiting car, police said.

**Rival government formed in Burma**

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The soldiers shouted, "We demand democracy and not fascism" and "Our military training is not to shoot people." The camp serves as the unofficial headquarters for student revolutionaries.

Nicaragua and Indonesia later withdrew from the contest. Kuwait was today mentioned in a Cypriot daily as a potential candidate for the chairmanship of the movement's next chairman.

Some analysts suggested UNHCR was trying to take the initiative from the Manang Manang government and enter the military to his side. Others said the formation of a rival government could provoke the military into a crackdown or coup.

Today's developments came a day after about one million people, including government officials and intelligence officers, marched in Bangkok to protest for the end to the Burma Socialist Programme Party's one-party rule.

Thursday's march was largely peaceful, but sources said a mob killed and then beat two men and a woman who allegedly gave poisoned ice water to several demonstrators. The station radio said security forces fired on a crowd of 500 looters in a Bangkok suburb, wounding 17 yesterday.

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## INTERNATIONAL

PNC to make decisive moves

**PLO will not declare government-in-exile: Arafat**

ABUDHABI, Sept 9, (AP): Yasir Arafat says the Palestinians' parliament-in-exile will "make decisive moves" when it meets next month to discuss declaring an independent Palestinian state in Israeli-held territories, a UAE daily, Al Khaleej reported today.

He also said the Palestine Liberation Organisation will not form a government-in-exile.

Palestinian officials have said the 451-member Palestine National Council will discuss the possibility of declaring an independent state in the West Bank and Gaza strip and forming a provisional government.

Arafat himself told reporters late yesterday that the PNC will convene in early October. He gave no specific date, but other

Palestinians have said it will open in Algiers Oct. 5.

"The agreement is to hold it in Algeria, but we have received three invitations from Libya, Tunisia and Iraq to host it," he said after a 24-hour visit to the United Arab Emirates capital of Abu Dhabi.

Arafat is currently touring Arab capitals to discuss developments following King Hussein's July 31 decision to cut Jordan's legal and administrative ties with the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

That move, along with the nine-month-old Palestinian uprising in the West Bank and Gaza, has spurred the PLO to consider declaring an independent state.

Al Khaleej quoted Arafat as saying: "The Palestinian leader-

ship is about to make decisive moves which will have a long-term impact, affecting not only the Palestinian and Arab level, but also the international level."

The provisional government would likely include prominent figures in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Arafat earlier met the UAE President, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, and indicated that their discussions dealt with the possibility of forming a provisional Palestinian government, one of several options to be discussed at the PNC.

"We will not form a government-in-exile," Arafat told reporters.

He explained that such a body was meant for a country under

foreign occupation with its leadership in exile, "such as France during the Nazi occupation."

Palestinians officials have noted that a provisional government would allow Palestinians inside the West Bank and Gaza to be members, while a government-in-exile would not.

Arafat said PLO's legal and political committees have presented preliminary reports on the provisional government, but consultations were still going on with experts in Arab and other friendly countries.

He noted that the establishment of a provisional government "is not a Palestinian decision that can be unilaterally adopted without consultations."

A meeting held recently in Libya between the PLO and dissident Palestinian factions on reunification "has not reached concrete results," he said.

But he noted the contacts with the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, led by Ahmed Jibril, and the Saïqa group will be resumed Sept 10 in Tunis and Libya.

Arafat said the PLO was "legally recognized" by 148 countries which voted in the United Nations against the United States attempts to close the PLO office in New York.

Al Khaleej quoted Arafat as saying that a group from the PLO's executive committee, led by Mahmoud Abbas, will visit

Amman within a week to resume discussions with Jordanian officials on Hussein's decision to sever links with the West Bank.

The PLO's foreign affairs spokesman Farouk Kadouri at a non-aligned meeting yesterday called for the United Nations to assume temporary responsibility for the West Bank and Gaza to protect the Palestinians.

Arafat is due to address the European Parliament in Strasbourg next week and said he would ask Europe to help the Palestinians.

## Six killed in ethnic clash in Pakistan

KARACHI, Sept 9, (Reuters): Troops were called out in the southern Pakistani city of Hyderabad after at least six people were killed in ethnic riots yesterday, police said.

Hospital doctors said seven people were also wounded in the clash between native Sindhis and Mohajir immigrants.

Government officials said the Army was called in to prevent further ethnic violence, which has claimed more than 60 lives in the city since June.

Police sources said a curfew was likely to be imposed in Hyderabad, second city of Sind

province and 175 km (110 miles) east of Karachi, if there was any more trouble.

The rioting broke out after a rally of Sindhi nationalists demanding more jobs for unemployed Sindhis.

Witnesses said men rode around on motorcycles firing weapons. Firemen said rioters tried to set fire to shops and houses, and police arrested 14 people.

Doctors said about 150 people attacked one hospital, complaining of delays in treating the wounded.

## Dhaka airport reopens

### Fresh floods ravage Bangladesh

DHAKA, Sept 9, (Reuters): More of Bangladesh was flooded after a 24-hour period in which the worst of the disaster appeared to be over, officials said.

Foreign Minister Humayun Rashid Chowdhury proposed an emergency meeting of experts from South Asia to help combat floods which have killed at least 1,000 and made millions homeless.

"This is a gigantic task which can only be tackled if nations of the region could co-operate," he said. "It is us who are in agony today. It may be them tomorrow. This can only be stopped if there is a collective effort."

He said he had asked secretary-general of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC) to call the meeting.

Aid donors have also said it is time for long-term solutions in this impoverished nation, where every monsoon season wreaks devastation and three-fourths of the land remained under water.

"We have started thinking about the focus of our development aid," a diplomat from one industrial nation said privately. "It doesn't really make sense to pour millions into this country every year and see it washed away."

Donor nations and international organisations say the most pressing need is a regional plan to stop flood waters that originate outside Bangladesh.

Water rushes down from the Himalayan peaks into the Brahmaputra River, creating a massive

season in rivers that empty into the Bay of Bengal through the Bangladesh delta.

Officials said fresh floods swept across Laxmipur and Netrakona districts, in the east, and Barisal in the south. The latest floods were caused by the Brahmaputra River which overflowed again last night after remaining within its banks for 24 hours.

The danger is not yet over. We are still fighting floods and then will take on its after-effects," said Information Minister Mahbubur Rahman.

The floods have already killed more than 800 people and made 25 million of the country's 105 million homeless, according to official figures. They have also destroyed 3,500 km (2,200 miles) of roads and cut rail communications.

Unofficial estimates put the death toll at more than 1,500 and relief workers say many more have died of diarrhoea and other diseases.

#### Worst

International flights, suspended for about a week, resumed yesterday after floods receded from the Dhaka airport runway and most rivers began falling.

Millions of dollars worth of food and medicine will start reaching the country in bulk following the reopening of the airport, Rahman said.

A Bangladeshi Airlines Biman DC-10 landed with a full capacity of 160 passengers, the first wide-bodied aircraft to arrive after the runway was restored, after safety checks by experts from the International Civil Aviation Organisation.

Rahman said medical squads had been sent to affected areas to

### Vultures wait as Sudanese starve

AL MUGLAD, Sudan, Sept 9, (Agencies): Vultures perch in the trees at Al Meiram camp in southwest Sudan waiting to feed off the dead or those too weak from hunger to fend them off.

At least 40 people are dying every day in the camp 750 km (470 miles) southwest of Khartoum and only those still strong enough to walk can expect to survive.

"It is a death trap," said one relief worker. "Even the weakest here want to get out and go elsewhere."

Shocked diplomats and aid workers who visited Al Meiram on Wednesday compared the scenes to a Nazi concentration camp. Relief workers said more than 3,000 people had starved to death in the past three months.

The overwhelming majority of the dead are children. Those still alive have the grotesque matchstick legs and swollen bellies and severe malnutrition.

"It is horrible," said Sue Chowdhury of the British-based charity Oxfam. "It is as bad as any film I have seen of Nazi concentration camps but this is only

on a smaller scale."

The camp's relief workers told reporters that food was distributed by a local committee in the nearby town of Al Meiram. Those thought near death were not being fed.

A Sudanese newspaper said yesterday that the Army has begun an airlift of relief supplies to Al Meiram refugee camp. The airlift already had supplied to Al Meiram 1,000 sacks of sorghum and quantities of tinned food.

A month after heavy rains that precipitated Sudan's worst floods of the century, the government finally has announced a tentative crop-damage estimate: more than a third of a billion dollars.

Unofficial estimates put the toll much higher.

The Sudanese Charge d'Affaires in Kuwait, Hassan Ibrahim Jad Al Karim has praised the government and people of Kuwait for helping the victims of Sudan's disastrous floods.

A prominent Sudanese leader, Osman Al Mirgani, has also highly commended Kuwait.

### Egypt welcomes Reagan initiative

iants. Officials in all three countries regard the prospects as dim.

Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid today described as "positive" Reagan's plan to meet with him and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Abdel-Meguid said the meeting is part of an "American attempt to give a push to the peace effort which was started by Secretary of State George Shultz" earlier this year.

Abdel-Meguid has agreed to meet Peres.

But, the Democratic candidate for US president Michael Dukakis, criticised Reagan today for launching a new Middle East peace initiative too late in his administration for any chance of success.

Dukakis, interviewed by Israel Radio, also reiterated a controversial pledge to move the US embassy to occupied Jerusalem.

Blasting Reagan's initiative Dukakis said:

### N. Koreans mark 40 years of Kim's rule

BEIJING, Sept 9, (Reuters): North Korean President Kim Il-Sung's personality cult reached a crescendo today with about one million people chanting his name at a mass rally in Pyongyang to celebrate 40 years of his rule.

Eyewitnesses in the North Korean capital said statues and portraits of the President were carried around Kim Il-Sung Square and slogans continuously shouted extolling the virtues of "the great leader."

Waves of people, totalling around one million, passed through the square for two hours carrying banners and marching in step to military bands.

The 76-year-old President and his son and designated heir, Kim Jong-Il, watched the National Day rally from a rostrum.

"The mammoth parade and the enthusiastic cheers overflowing in the whole square was a manifestation of the boundless respect and trust of the entire people of the whole country for the great leader," the official Korean Central News Agency said.

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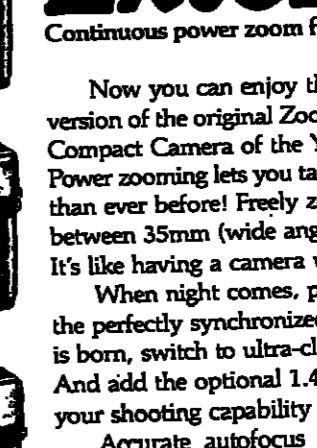


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## Al Sawaber flats will be allocated

FAAREED AL AJEEL, the assistant director-general for distribution, ratification and follow-up affairs at the National Housing Authority (NHA), has been quoted as saying that the authority will go ahead with the allocation and distribution of flats at the Al Sawaber complex in the next three months.

In an interview with a local daily, Al Ajeeel said that the authority originally gave applicants until June 30 to complete formalities, but he said that citizens can still apply for accommodation at the complex if they wish.

The Al Sawaber complex is the first of its kind in Kuwait and represents one of the alternatives suggested by the government to encourage Kuwaiti families to move into the city, he said.

The complex has 33 eight-storey buildings, with two 225 square metre flats on each floor.

## Deportation order upheld

THE Court of Cassation upheld a deportation order on a non-Kuwaiti man charged with smuggling narcotics into Kuwait.

The Criminal Court sentenced the man to four years' imprisonment and subsequent deportation even though he is without nationality (a Bedouin). His elder brother is Kuwaiti and his father has official residence in Kuwait.

The Court of Appeal reduced the sentence to three and a half years but also ordered his deportation. Thereafter, the Court of Cassation again upheld the order and rejected a plea by the defendant's counsel that the man be treated as a Kuwaiti.

The court said in its ruling that in Kuwait, all matters pertaining to the issue of nationality are of a political nature and are subject to special considerations relating to the state itself.

## Permission not obtained

DR ISSA JASSEM, director of the drug control and registration department at the Ministry of Health, has announced that the Chinese product known as '101', which is used in the treatment of baldness, has not been granted the necessary permission for its sale in Kuwait.

Dr Jassem affirmed that neither private nor government pharmacies stock the preparation.

Last week UAE health authorities withdrew the preparation after finding that it has many adverse side-effects.

## Ministry sets tuition fees for private schools

SEVERAL ministerial decisions setting tuition fees for Arab and foreign private schools in Kuwait have been adopted by the Private Education Department at Kuwait's Ministry of Education.

Intermediate schools will charge KD 105 for tuition, a KD 20 excellence fee, and KD 65 for transportation.

High schools' tuition will be KD 132, with a KD 20 excellence fee for some schools and a KD 65 transportation fee, the official said.

### Discount

Discussing charges at foreign schools in Kuwait, Al Muhamna said that parents having more than one child at any English, French or American School are entitled to a discount of 10, 15 and 20 per cent respectively in keeping with a relevant ministerial decision.

Transport charges at these schools have been stipulated at KD 165 as compared to KD 65 at other foreign schools, he added.

### Subsidies

Arab schools will continue receiving subsidies from the Ministry to cover all stages of education except kindergartens.

Tuition fees for kindergartens will be KD 130 plus KD 15 excellence fee for some kindergartens and KD 65 for transport.

Kindergarten tuition fees of the English School, Gulf English School and American Universal

fixed at KD 67.50 plus a KD 20 excellence fee for some schools and KD 65 for transportation.

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### Inform

In a related development, the American School in Kuwait asked parents to pay about KD 200 more than the stipulated tuition fees and refused any discount on fees of a second and third child of a family studying at the school.

Al Muhamna urged citizens and expatriates to inform the Private Education Department of any infringements committed by any of the private schools in Kuwait. He promised the department would look into these allegations.

## Danish minister visits Abu Dhabi

ABU DHABI, Sept. 7. (KUNA): The Prime Minister of Czechoslovakia Lubomir Strougal will arrive in Abu Dhabi next Tuesday for an official visit.

Strougal is the first official Czechoslovak to visit Abu Dhabi since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries last June.

### Czechoslovak premier to visit the UAE

ABU DHABI, Sept. 7. (KUNA):

The Prime Minister of Czechoslovakia Lubomir Strougal next

Tuesday for an official visit.

Strougal will discuss with the UAE officials various issues related to the enhancement of cooperation in different fields.

The air transport co-operation agreement signed on April 12 is the first agreement concluded prior to the establishment of diplomatic ties between Prague and Abu Dhabi.

### Explosives found in Mahboula

A BARREL containing explosive and electronic materials was discovered in the Mahboula area on Thursday, an official security source said.

The barrel looked suspicious to sewerage workers and an Interior Ministry expert decided the barrel contained subversive materials.

Investigations are in progress.

### 3-year-old undergoes sex change

ABU DHABI, Sept. 9. (KUNA): A 3-year-old boy was surgically transformed in a girl at Al Jazira Hospital, it was disclosed here yesterday.

Dr Hassan Alikum, director of the hospital, said that the child had female characteristics and therefore needed a sex-change operation.

This is the first operation of its kind to be performed in Abu Dhabi.

The child named Salim, is the youngest in a family of four other girls.

Trade

West European countries are the most prominent trade partners of the emirate, providing half its total import needs.

In the first six months of 1988, imports from Europe totalled 400 million, according to the chamber.

The share of Denmark was

viewed by the chamber as "still nominal" having varied during 1983-87 between 1 and 0.6 per cent of West European imports.

However, the chamber expects this year to be "generally good," judging by the first six months when the Danish exports to Abu Dhabi shot up to 3.2 per cent of West European exports.

The value of Danish exports in the first six months of 1988 totalled 13.6 million dirhams (\$3.7 million).

Relations

The source said Alawi would raise the issue again when he returned to Tehran tomorrow.

He would also discuss relations between Iran and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

It was not clear whether Alawi would be visiting Iran as an envoy of the GCC.

GCC foreign ministers

decided in Riyadh on Monday to send envoys to Iran and Iraq to try to break the deadlock at peace talks in Geneva.

Oman has good relations with both Iran and Egypt.

Firemen compensated

MUSSALUM AL BARRAK, president of the Municipality and Fire Department Employees Union, announced today that 76 firemen who helped put out the fire at Ahmadi oil installations did not get Amiri awards, which went instead to 76 other firemen.

He refuted claims by the director-general of the Fire Department that the firemen were later compensated for having been "forgotten," as it was put.

Al Barrak said that what actually happened was that the names of the deserving firemen were simply not considered at the time.

Those who will be released

include anyone imprisoned for traffic crimes, sentenced to less than 10 years for assault, or charged for political or economic crimes.

However, political prisoners charged with helping Iran during its 8-year war with Iraq are also excluded.

Bridge

BAGHDAD, Sept. 9. (Reuters): Iraq said today it will seek donations worldwide to rebuild the small southern town of Faw, regarded as a national symbol of victory over Iranian forces who held it for two years.

The state news agency INA said a special committee for the reconstruction of Faw, headed by First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan, has not yet decided how much money will be needed.

But Ramadan told INA that donors will be spurred by "the noble and honest aim of reconstructing Faw town, the first liberated, and the symbol of victories and sacrifices."

Symbol

In the war had already denied Iraq use of the Shatt al-Arab waterway dividing the two countries was an impregnable natural barrier.

But Iran secretly built a bridge just under the surface of the Shatt, and in February 1986, its troops poured across to occupy Faw. The town's people had fled much earlier, driven out by constant bombing and shelling.

Bridge

Before the war with Iran erupted in September 1980, and choked off Iraq's oil exports through the Gulf, Faw town, surrounded by sand and salty mudflats, was acquiring great strategic importance.

In the oil boom of the 1970s, two giant supertanker offshore terminals were built about 20 km (12 miles) south of the town on

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## Visual information service offered

THE Ministry of Communications has signed an agreement to offer a local company consultative and marketing services for its visual information systems centre.

A source at the ministry has said that Kuwait is the first country in the Middle East and seventh in the world to use this very modern service.

The ministry will provide individuals and companies with information about developments and changes, banks, hotels and entertainment facilities as well as prices at the stock exchange. The service will also show arrival and departure times of planes, weather information, and local news stories.

Subscribers will also be able to exchange letters electronically, the source added.

The information will be supplied by a computer installed at the ministry's Communications Centre in Salimiyah and will appear on a television screen connected to a telephone line.

## Oman tries to free Egyptian POWs in Iran

ABU DHABI, Sept. 9. (Reuters): Oman is seeking to persuade Iran to release Egyptian prisoners as part of an exchange of captives with Iraq, a diplomatic source said today.

He said Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak had asked Sultan Qaboos to mediate and the Omani Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Youseff bin Alawi, discussed the issue during a visit to Tehran last month.

Relations

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Symbol

The war had already denied Iraq use of the Shatt and, from Faw, Iran also blocked Iraq's only other outlet to the Gulf, the narrow Khawr Al Zubayr Channel which it shares with Kuwait.

In April, just four months before the United Nations

ordered ceasefire silenced the

Gulf war guns, the elite Iraqi presidential guards spearheaded a surprise military assault on

Faw.

They wrested it from Iran in

what military experts called a

tactically brilliant operation lasting

two days. Baghdad and Washington firmly denied that the US Gulf fleet helped.

Iraq believes the defeat, fol-

lowed by a string of setbacks on

other war fronts, finally per-

suaded Iran to accept in July a

UN ceasefire order which it had

ignored for a year.

Faw has thus become a power-

ful and frequently-invoked sym-

bol of victory and liberation for

Iraq.

Ramadan told his committee

to speed up its work so the recon-

struction project can be finished

as soon as possible, INA said.

## Ministry will not change primary school hours: Khudari

cafeterias of schools, he added.

The Ministry of Public Health

has withdrawn the services of nurses from secondary schools. The services will continue at primary and intermediate schools.

Additionally, the ministry has

no plans to cancel transportation

services for pupils at schools,

the official said.

### First-aid

While the ministry has no intention to do away with nutritional services at government kindergartens, a committee has been set up to study applications of catering companies at primary and intermediate schools, Al Khudari said.

School authorities have been

strongly urged to strictly monitor the cleanliness of canteen workers involved in the preparation and service of food inside

## EVENTS

## TV CORNER

## This week on KTV 2

- SUNDAY  
 6.00 Holy Quran  
 6.10 Heathcliff: cartoons  
 6.30 3-2-1 Contact: tonight's episode examines weight-lifting equipment and elevators.  
 7.00 Understanding Islam: weekly talk on Muslim philosophy presented by Arafat Al Ashi.  
 7.30 Valerie: It's mum's birthday and the kids try to find an appropriate gift for Valerie.  
 8.00 News in English  
 8.40 The Flying Doctors: "The Show Goes On." A roving theatre group comes to town and face numerous difficulties.  
 9.30 My Two Dads: "The Artful Dodger." Nicole is not doing well at school, despite tuition and her dads are worried.

- 10.00 Hillary's Adventures.  
 10.30 Bestseller: "Fields of Five." Start of new best-seller about the life of an Englishman in the Australian sugar-cane fields.  
 11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

- MONDAY  
 6.00 Holy Quran  
 6.10 Galfar: cartoons  
 6.30 The Craft of the Weaver: "Tapestry." Roger and Faye demonstrate their skills. Roger shows how he designs and weaves a woollen will rug.  
 7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news and regional events.  
 7.30 Charles-in-Charge  
 8.00 News in English  
 8.30 Miami Vice: The squad

- pursue a gang laundering money in the US.  
 9.30 Private Benjamin: Judy is in more trouble as she tries to settle down in the camp.  
 10.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: "Murder Party." Andrew Walker hosts a lavish party and drops dead in his lounge.  
 10.30 The Equalizer: "The Rehearsal." A theatre company finds itself in real trouble after a psychopath places a bomb in their premises. Starring: Edward Woodward.  
 11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown.
- TUESDAY  
 6.00 Holy Quran  
 6.10 Rubick: cartoons  
 6.30 Seal Morning  
 7.00 Australian Ark: "Changing Face of Australia." A look at the geological history, and changes, that occurred in Australia.  
 8.00 News in English  
 8.30 You and the Law: local show.  
 8.50 Magnum: "Murder by Night." After the death of a publisher, Magnum finds himself drawn to the case. Starring: Tom Selleck.  
 9.30 Les Faucheurs de Marguerites: French series with Arabic subtitle.  
 10.00 Perfect Strangers: "To Be or Not to Be." Larry and Balky try to get acting tips from each other after they are selected to star in a film.  
 10.30 B/W feature film: "The



Alan Rachins plays Douglas Brackman in L.A. Law, Wednesdays at 10.30 pm.



Alan Thicke and Joanna Kerns in Growing Pains, Wednesdays

- Crystal Ball." Starring: Ray Milland, Paulette Goddard. A girl from Texas takes a job as a fortune-teller's assistant, where she snags her man. Comedy. 1943 production. Duration: 80 minutes.  
 11.30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown.
- WEDNESDAY  
 6.00 Holy Quran  
 6.10 The Mouse Factory: animated feature for young viewers.  
 6.30 The Kids of Degrassi Street: Aida, who dislikes hospital visits, goes to see Cole, admitted for surgery.  
 7.00 Managing the Micro: "The Human Factor".  
 7.30 Growing Pains: family show featuring Joanna Kerns and Alan Thicke.  
 8.00 News in English  
 8.30 O'Hara: "I Wanna Live Forever." O'Hara becomes a Japanese businessman to uncover fraud at a company.  
 9.30 Wildlife On One: "Oasis." Birds thrive near oases. A look at some such places in Europe and Africa.

- asked to organise a charity gala.  
 10.00 The Hit Squad: laughs, fun and sneaky hidden cameras backfire on the Hit Squad.  
 10.30 Late Night Movie: "Luguna Heat." Starring: Mary Hamlin, Jason Robards.  
 12.00 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown.
- THURSDAY  
 6.00 Holy Quran  
 6.10 Blah Blah St: cartoon series.  
 6.30 Semiconductor: scientific, educational and recreational programme for children.  
 7.00 Walt Disney Film: "Charlie the Lovesome Cougar." The story of a cougar and a hunter.  
 8.00 News in English  
 8.30 Summer '88  
 8.40 The Twilight Zone: three stories about unusual events and accidents.  
 9.30 The Great Escape: "Return of Grandma." The family try to tidy their house in honour of grandma's arrival.  
 10.00 News in English  
 10.30 High Mountain Rangers: "The Ordeal." Code is compelled by his mother to live in a city ... but unexpected events force him to reverse his decision.  
 11.30 The Hunted: "West Coast Story." Doru is

## WHAT'S ON

## EDUCATION

Dar-ul-Quran  
 Registration has begun for the first year Arabic language and Islamic teaching classes which start off Sept. 17, at the Dar-ul-Quran, Farwaniya. Free-tuition "Medium of instruction is Urdu/Bengali" to expatriates from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Contact the principal at Dar-ul-Quran, Farwaniya, personally, or phone on 4730335 on Saturdays, Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 5 to 7 pm.

**British Council**  
 The education adviser at the British Council, Mansouriya, will give a talk on "Bachelor Degrees in Britain" on Monday, Sept. 12, and Tuesday, Sept. 13, 6 pm. For further details phone Mrs. Kate Harries on 251512/2533204.

## MUSIC

**Guitar Recital**  
 German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Conditt will give a recital at the Kuwait Hilton on Oct. 19. "Hymns of Eternity," one of Conditt's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

**East meets West**  
 The Indian Arts Circle presents "East meets West," a musical evening, by The Farms featuring Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western music. The lead vocalist will be Susan Rego. It will be held at IAC, Funaites, at 6.30 pm on Oct. 6. Entry by passes. Tel: 2409250; 4743948 or IAC — 3904817.

**Beat Show**  
 The Kuwait Goan Beat Show will be held on Oct. 14, 3.30 pm, at the IAC, Funaites. The four-hour show will feature six popular groups — City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks. The show has been organised by the Kuwait Goans.

**Indian Ballet**  
 Nanthana, a dance troupe led by Mohiniyattam exponent Mrs. Prameela Surendran, will stage a balle Panchavati, and a number of Nrithasipat at its annual show, Nrithasipat, at the Indian Arts Circle, on Sept. 22 at 7.00 pm. Admission will be

strictly limited; for free passes, call 4337608.

## Sounds Great

Auditions will be held on Thursday, Sept. 15, at 3 pm, Friday, Sept. 16, at 11 am and Saturday, Sept. 17, 7.30 pm, at the Universal American School, Salwa, for singers, dancers and musicians for the next Sounds Great show, to be held at the Salimya cinema from Oct. 19-22. For details ring Ken-Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870.

## SOCIAL

Welcome Back/  
Welcome to Kuwait

The Sounds Great organisation will hold a "Welcome Back/Welcome to Kuwait" dance party at the Messilah Beach Hotel on Sept. 29 at 8 pm. Music by Top Ranks and the Juke Box band. Twist competition, and novelty prizes. For reservations and further details ring Ken Winston or Adolf 5740256/7 or 5758870.

Kuwait Players  
poolside BBQ

The Kuwait Players poolside barbecue will be held on Sept. 21 (Wednesday) from 8 pm at the Messilah Beach Hotel. All prospective members and newcomers to Kuwait are welcome. Tickets — KD2 per person. For reservations Tel: 394-1572.

## Goan Fiesta 88

The Goan Fiesta 88 will be held on Thursday, Oct. 13, to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the Young Goans Association. It will take place at the Messilah Beach Hotel's Habiba ballroom. Music by the Stepping Stones and Hurricane Alley. For details Tel: 4813740.

## Varca Sporting Centre

Varca Sporting Centre will hold their third annual social evening at the Tent, SAS hotel, on Sept. 22 at 8.00 pm. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Stepping Stones. Highlights include beauty queen contest, ideal couple contest, fancy dress parade, games, bingo and other surprises. For reservations and details, contact Maqbool 4712900, Albert 2410461, or James 5331940.

## D'Assisi Association

The D'Assisi Association will hold the 8th annual thanksgiving mass on Oct. 7, 8 am, at the Holy Family Cathedral. All ex-students are welcome. For details phone Augustin — 574-6734 after 6 pm or Henry — 3291909 (am).

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## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

- 3.30 Holy Quran  
 3.35 Heidi: cartoon serial  
 4.10 World News via Satellite  
 4.40 Furjan Al Hikmah: "Sane Al Mojazah" Arabic serial, with Mohammad Dafrawi, Midhat Saleh, Hamza Shimi.

- 5.40 Cartoons  
 6.00 Cultural film

- 7.00 Noor Al Islam: religious talk

- 8.30 Hamat Al Watan

- 9.00 News in Arabic

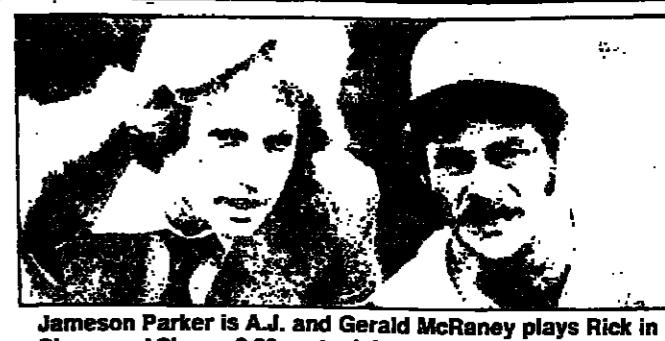
- 9.50 Al Sakiya Tadour: Arabic serial

- 10.50 Madhab Mubki: "Al Hakawati Al Awwal". Starring: Taysir Saadi, Mohammad Khair Hulwanani, Assam Ajii.

- 12.00 News Summary

- 12.05 World News via Satellite, followed by

- Holy Quran/Closedown



Jameson Parker is A.J. and Gerald McRaney plays Rick in Simon and Simon, 8.30 pm tonight, KTV 2

at the weapons industry in Yugoslavia; Australian speedboats; oil exploration in Sweden and a look at a computerised telephone directory in France.

10.30 TV Movie: "As Summer Dies". The story of a woman who waits for help to arrive after inheriting a plot of land.

11.30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite' Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

## KTV 2

- 6.00 Holy Quran

- 6.10 Duck Tales: "Send in

- the Clones". Cartoon serial

- 6.30 Sam's Luck: part one. Sam's parents, who are travelling, leave him in charge of the family.

- 7.00 World of Survival: nature

- 7.30 ALF: "Someone to Watch Over Me". In part 3 Alf gets himself into more trouble after pretending to take hostages.

- 8.00 News in English

- 8.30 Simon and Simon:

- Rick and A.J. uncover a gang pushing drugs. Starring: Jameson Parker and Gerald McRaney.

- 9.30 Beyond 2000: a look

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KEEP your mouth shut, your eyes open — Japanese proverb.

**OPINION****Let share prices take their natural course**

EVERY country takes appropriate investment measures when citizens refrain from investing in their respective currencies.

Among such measures is a hike in interest rates to avoid flight of capital and provide increased returns on shares and industry.

These measures could be additionally boosted by reducing taxes on foreign investors or abolishing taxes altogether and providing many other incentives to encourage investment.

A case in point is that of the Kuwaiti investments in the UK and other foreign countries which enjoy various facilities along with other foreign investors.

Regrettably, this is not the scenario here, as the government itself places obstacles in the way of investments with the Kuwaiti dinar. The only investment areas with the Kuwaiti dinar is investment in real estate or Kuwaiti shares.

Share values of local companies are the result of 40 years of investment work. However, during the last three years, when prices of shares increased someone interfered to drive prices down.

Such interference has always been attributed to a wrong policy frequently repeated by some ministers that prices of shares should not go up in order that they may not go down once again.

Increase and decrease in the prices of shares is natural and is witnessed in world stock markets which have been around for over 100 years. Prices of shares in the markets are liable to abnormal increases accompanied by sudden drops — which is exactly what happened last year in the world stock market.

However, what is poignant is that when the markets crashed, no country took measures to prevent share prices rising for fear of them dropping again.

On the contrary, stock markets in these countries work day and night to help value of shares to rise. Meetings are continually held to devise ways and means to increase share values, or alternatively to stabilise them. We have as yet to hear of any minister in these countries striving to prevent an increase under the mistaken notion of a drop in future.

The inflation we are talking about is an integral part of the economy, and likewise, inflation in Kuwait is part of this country's economic process.

As an example, when the Kuwaiti government expropriated (bought) some lands and old houses from citizens, it paid rates far higher than what they really were worth. The object of this exercise was to circulate money by transferring funds from the state to the citizens as a formula to increase private capital.

The government is well aware that a drop in securities at the stock market is a drop in the value of assets, which translated means a real drop in the values of loans given against mortgages.

The last clearly means an obstacle towards providing adequate loans. It is a circle. Any harm expected in share prices rising is only in the minds of some concerned ministers. We say — let prices take their natural course.

The previous mistake of the Kuwait Stock Exchange was not an increase or decrease in the value of shares, but in post-dated deals which reached astronomical levels. Had there been no post-dated cheques, there would have been no crisis.

The government is well aware of this fact and although it has corrected the mistake by another mistake, we refrain from commenting on this issue as it does not seem to be the proper place.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

**US naval presence stopped Gulf war**

By Karin Laub

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (AP): Washington brought about Iran's acceptance of a cease-fire in the Iran-Iraq war through the massive US naval presence in the Gulf, an Israeli military analyst said Thursday.

The protracted war was at a stalemate when the United States intervened, the war had reached a stalemate, he said. While Iraq was the stronger military power with a superior Air Force and a better-trained Army, Iran was a "staying power" with vast human and economic resources.

"Although the United States did not directly take the side of Iraq, it was clear to Iran that Washington would not allow Iraq to collapse or permit the war to spread into Kuwait," he said.

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Levan said that when the US naval vessels began escorting reflagged tankers in the Gulf in July 1987, the key aims were to protect the flow of oil to the West and

prevent the war from spreading to Kuwait, a supporter of Iraq.

At the time, American strategists also hoped US intervention might help bring about an end to hostilities. "But they didn't believe it then, and didn't put any emphasis on it," Levan said.

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**More than 53 killed****Children in the forefront of Palestinian uprising**

By Roni Rabin

RAMALLAH, Israeli occupied West Bank, (AP): Just days before he was shot to death last January, 16-year-old Rabeh Mahmoud told his family he wanted to give his life for the Palestinian cause, his sister Sabah recalls.

Mahmoud is one of 53 youths under age 18 who have been killed during the 9-month-old Palestinian uprising, about one-fourth of the deaths from Israeli Army gunfire. Thousands of other youths have been wounded.

Television viewers worldwide have watched scenes of the young Palestinian boys in kaffiyeh head-dresses throwing rocks at troops, then running as soldiers respond with teargas and bullets.

Israeli military officials charge that the youths are placed in the front lines of protests to generate world sympathy and portray Israeli occupation troops as ruthless soldiers who do not

hesitate to shoot children. "Children are weapons in this war. It is very sinister," said Col. Renan Gissin, the Army's deputy spokesman.

"With children up front, they (Palestinian leaders) win either way — whether our soldiers refrain from shooting because of strict orders to avoid hurting children, or if they open fire, the Palestinians win the war for the media," Gissin said.

"They make sure the picture of the dead child makes it to the papers," he said.

But youngsters encountered in refugee camps throwing rocks at soldiers not much older than themselves say they are not being used, but are the leaders of the revolt.

They have become known as the "children of the stones" after a poem by Syrian writer Nizar Qabbani. The Palestine Liberation Organization has made posters of youngsters holding firebombs. Palestinians call chil-

dren who are killed "martyrs," not "victims."

Sabah Mahmoud, the sister of 16-year-old victim Rabeh, says her father is now worried about his 13-year-old son, who is often out in the streets with friends.

"When Rabeh told my father he wanted to die for Palestine, we thought he was joking," Sabah said, sitting below a gold-framed portrait of her dead brother, the only picture on the walls of the Beita village farmhouse not far from Ramallah.

**Casualty**

United Nations casualty lists, updated as of Aug. 12, show 202 Palestinians killed by Israeli Army gunfire. Of those 53, are 17 or younger, with 18 of the victims under 16 years old, including six who were below 14.

The youngest casualty listed by the UN was a 9-year-old girl, but the Army said she was killed by a Palestinian-thrown rock. The Army, whose death figures differ only slightly from UN ones, does not give breakdowns

No precise figures are available on the number of youths wounded.

An official of an international relief organization — who insisted his name and that of the organization not be used — estimated at least 8,000 young people have been wounded by bullets, beatings, tear gas or rubber bullets.

**Shot**

Jewish youths are not directly involved in the protests, but they are among civilians injured by rocks and firebombs hurled at cars. The Army lists 312 such casualties but has no breakdown by age.

A Jewish girl, 15-year-old Tirza Porat, was accidentally

shot to death by an armed escort in the West Bank last April when a group of Jewish hikers clashed with Arab villagers. Police are investigating whether an 8-year-old slain Aug. 27 near Haifa was killed by Palestinians.

Young people 18 to 25 are emerging as the new generation of leaders of the uprising, and their younger siblings are followers and would-be successors, military sources said.

"Like the Americans of the 1960s who said, 'don't trust anyone over 30,' they are saying 'don't trust anyone over 25,'" Gissin said.

The Israeli Army recently introduced plastic bullets and move it says is intended to reduce casualties in clashes with demonstrators. The Army says its soldiers have orders not to open fire at children, but occupation rules consider anyone over age 14 accountable for his actions.

Chris George, an official of Save the Children, an American relief organization, said the Army should respect children's status as minors in any situation.

**No taxation without representation**

sional delegate, now for Congress. But Congress still has the final word on the municipal budget and local government decisions.

Congress also approved a constitutional amendment which would have given the District of Columbia the same voting rights and congressional representation as other states, but the amendment died when the required three-fourths of the states failed to ratify it.

"We ran smack into what we call the four-toes — the nation is too urban, too rural, too democratic and too black," Fauntroy said in an interview.

Although the statehood amendment appears a greater goal than that amendment, it is actually simpler, requiring only an act of Congress, passed by a simple majority in the House and the Senate and the president's signature to become law.

The procedures was used two to admit Alaska and Hawaii as the 49th and 50th states in 1959.

Fauntroy said: "Washington selected the swampy wood site on the banks of the Potomac River, which only only mosquitoes find comfortable in summer, for the US capital in 1790."

With barely 3,200 people living in the area then, few voices were raised in protest when Congress decided to take direct control of Washington's everyday affairs.

The move shielded the nation's capital from the whims of any one state but denied its residents the representation and political power states wielded in the federal system.

No one could have predicted that Washington would become the 51st state, the Democrats would probably win the two Senate seats, which could cement the party's grip on the powerful upper chamber.

A favourite to win one of those

Senate seats would be Jesse Jackson, the black preacher and civil rights leader who ran second to Dukakis in the race for the party's presidential nomination.

Blacks make up about 70 per cent of Washington's residents, since many whites who work in the city live in the suburbs in the neighbouring states of Maryland and Virginia.

Support for a law granting statehood to the capital was one of the promises Jackson extricated from Dukakis when they made peace at the Democratic convention in Atlanta in July.

"That was part of the accom-

**Sambo dolls revive racism debate in Japan**

By David Butts

TOKYO, (UPI): Every Saturday evening a Japanese comedian in blackface and curly hair appears on television to sing, dance and joke with passers-by. His minstrel-style routine might be seen as racist in the West, but to the Japanese it's just good fun.

"We don't have any feeling of racial discrimination in our programme," said Masahiko Morio, the Nippon Television show's producer. Nevertheless, he cut short a news interview because of what he called Japan's current "hysteria" over racism.

His concern was understandable.

After an American newspaper described a line of products aimed at children depicting the storybook character Little Black Sambo, the company recalled the profitable dolls.

American blacks were further incensed by a racist remark from a senior Japanese politician. Black leaders have threatened to boycott Japanese goods. Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita sent a letter of apology but blacks say that is not enough.

All this has led to a public re-examination of racism in Japan. The question being asked is: are the Japanese racists?

**Discriminate**

In a series of interviews, several older Japanese admitted they were. The younger generation said they did not discriminate between blacks and whites, but share the common Japanese prejudice against all foreigners.

Younger Japanese expressed little sense of racial prejudice.

"We don't really discriminate

between blacks and whites," said a 31-year-old computer company employee from Osaka.

"I have no special feelings about blacks," said Kojima Hiroshi, 20, a student from Kobe in Western Japan. "Black or white, they are all foreigners."

The Japanese say their prejudice against foreigners, which appears to span all ages, is part of their culture.

The Japanese have a strong identification with the group rather than the individual, and find it natural to exclude others outside the group. Their concept of "uchi" to "soto," the "insiders and outsiders," is linked with the family and playground, expands to classmate and co-worker.

**Discriminate**

In its broadest sense, the "inside" group is all the Japanese.

Japanese do not just discriminate against blacks, said Yuko Yamaguchi, 29, a Japanese language teacher. "They have the same aversion to all foreigners."

"My parents would die if I married a foreigner," she added.

The prejudice against foreigners applies to other Asians as well. The Japanese discriminate against resident Koreans in marriage, housing and employment even though most of the Koreans have lived in Japan all their lives, speak Japanese and are of the same race.

The younger Japanese were surprised at American black reaction to the Sambo products. They said the caricature was racist or sexy, not derogatory.

**TODAY IN HISTORY**

1526 — Forces under Turkey's Suleiman I capture city of Buda in Hungary.

1547 — Pierluigi Farnese, the pope's son, is murdered by Ferrante di Gonzaga, governor of Milan.

1654 — Russia's Tsar Alexis takes Smolensk after outbreak of war with Poland.

1780 — Hyder Ali of Mysore conquers region around Madras, India.

1844 — France's war in Morocco ends with treaty of Tangier.

1885 — Britain makes compromise settlement with Russia over Afghanistan frontier.

1898 — Empress Elizabeth of Austria-Hungary is assassinated by Italian anarchist in Geneva.

1907 — British colony of New Zealand becomes a dominion.

1918 — Muslim riots break out in Calcutta, India.

1935 — Assembly of white settlers in Kenya denounces government policy and advocates closer union with Uganda and Tanganyika.

1939 — German Army gains complete control of western Poland; Canada declares war on Germany.

1945 — Vidkun Quisling is sentenced to death in Norway for collaboration with Germany during World War II.

1956 — President Gamal Abdel Nasser, who seized Suez Canal July 26, rejects 18-nation proposals for crossing the water-way.

1964 — Foreign ministers of Organisation of African Unity, meeting in Addis Ababa, approve plan to end rebellion and political strife in Congo.

1967 — Gibraltar electorate votes to retain link with Britain rather than to return to Spanish sovereignty.

1972 — United States vetoes UN Security Council resolution that calls for immediate cessation of military operations in Middle East.

1987 — United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar starts mission to persuade Iran and Iraq to end their seven-year-old war and says he is hopeful.

The IRA exercises close con-

trol over smuggling by farmers and businessmen, taking a lucrative cut to swell its coffers.

The countryside is full of natural traps that the IRA uses, one senior officer familiar with the territory said.

"We often avoid the small roads because they simply channel you into trouble spots. In the same way, when you're crossing country, you tend not to take the easy way through the gate — that's where the booby-trap bomb's likely to be," he added.

Groups of commandos are ferried in by helicopter for short patrols with police or sent into the area for up to 10 days on reconnaissance missions. The troops have been a prime target.

Only 30 miles (48 km) from here the Army suffered its worst blow in 1979 when 18 soldiers were killed at Warrenpoint in an IRA ambush.

Even with the help of new forward watchtowers, the confusion of activity is hard to monitor as farmers cross the unmarked border cutting through their farms.

**Check**

"We can't stop farmers driving tractors to and fro. We can't check every milk churn for explosives," an Army expert said.

The problem was underlined three months ago when the IRA succeeded in planting a large roadside landmine in full view of one watchtower. The blast, intended to assassinate a judge, ripped apart a family car killing a couple and two children.

Helicopters ferrying soldiers also face new hazards following the



The crews on the ice cap with their downed planes in 1942. The Americans were flying these to Britain instead of crating them by sea.

## Raiders of the legendary Lost Squadron

By Frank Durham

A TEAM trying to free a "lost squadron" of crashed World War II aircraft from an Arctic tomb of ice will be taking a multi-million-dollar gamble, an expert believes.

For when the "Raiders of the Lost Squadron" spend a fortune tunnelling 260 feet down to the planes, they could find them in mint condition and worth a collector's ransom. Or they could be left with just a heap of scrap metal, the expert says.

Jay Fiondella, who first pinpointed the aircraft in 1983 while leading another team, believes that the ice cap where the planes are buried is slowly moving nearer and nearer to the Atlantic, off Greenland's south-east coast.

And pressure beneath the snow and ice could have mangled the aircraft over the years. Jay, who carried out two expeditions with H.A.R.T. — the U.S.-based Historical Aircraft Recovery Team — told me: "Nobody knows what condition those planes are in today. They could be all twisted and turned."

But the latest team to locate the ghost squadron is determined to go after its prize. Just one of the fighters in good condition could sell for £500,000.

The expedition, the Greenland Expedition Society, from Atlanta, Georgia, plans to tunnel down to the aircraft and then "salute" them to the sky. The team's co-leader, Richard Taylor, even hopes to fly one of the planes back to America.

And he has announced: "We are soliciting an proposal to evacuate the airplanes. But Jay, a restaurateur from Santa Monica, California, knows just how easily the project can soak up money. His team spent \$1,300,000 in four years and were still no nearer to digging up the planes."

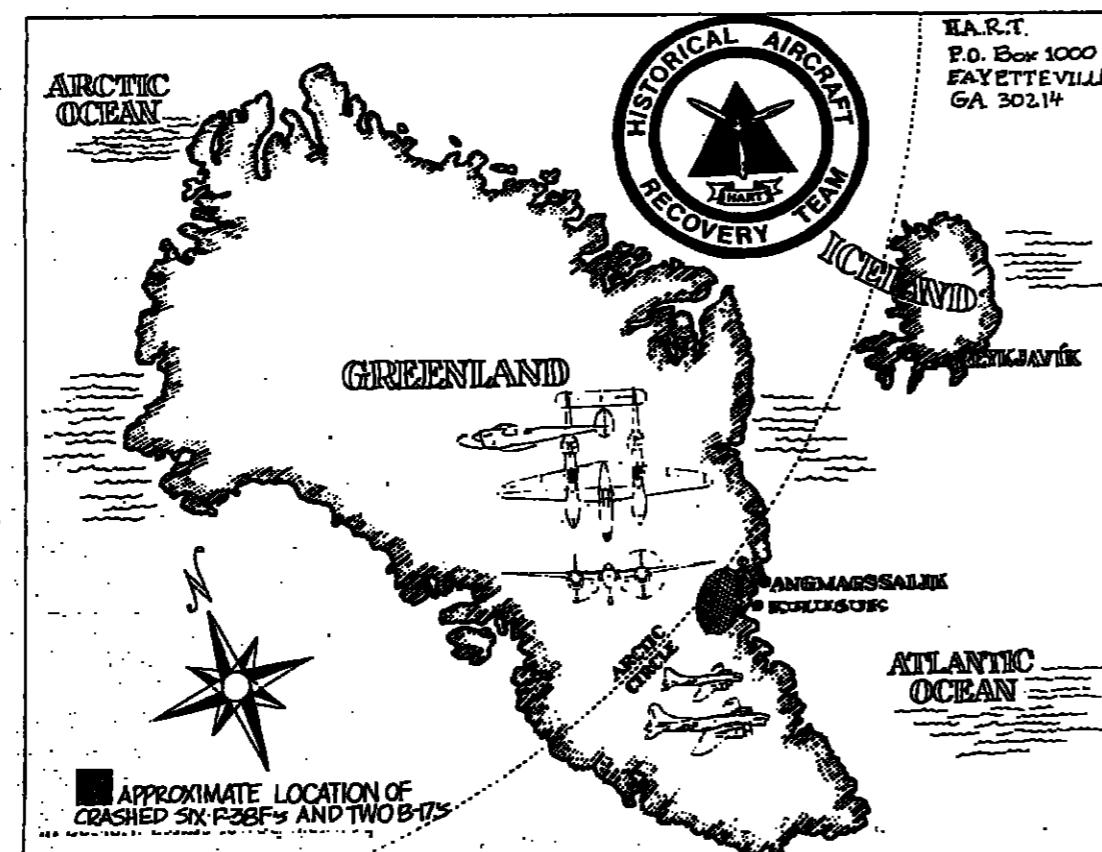
He said: "This is a very difficult expedition. I wish them luck. It is going to cost them millions of dollars to get the aircraft out."

But he still knows that the two B-17 Flying Fortress bombers and six P-38 twin-boomed fighters that lie in that icy grave could be glittering prize. He explained: "These planes had less than 50 flying hours when they crashed."

New

"This is a poor man's King Tut's tomb. It's like Raiders of the Lost Ark. They built more than 9,300 P-38's nicknamed 'pea-shooters' and there are only five left flying in the world today. They are really romantic crafts."

Because of treachery, eight World War II aircraft crash-landed in the Arctic 46 years ago. Now they have been discovered entombed beneath 260 feet of snow and ice. A US expedition is planning to tunnel through the ice in search of the ghost squadron. Just one of the fighters in good condition could sell for £500,000.



The US-based Historical Aircraft Recovery Team's map of where the squadron is located.



The man who found the Lost Squadron, Jay Fiondella.

Jay said: "They went high, they went low. But they couldn't fight it. So they broke radio silence and called in code for help."

They received a reply in perfect English, giving them directions that headed them in entirely the wrong direction. It is believed the transmission from the aircraft was picked up by a German radio operator who knew the code. For the enemy had submarines and weather stations in the area.

So the unsuspecting Americans followed the phoney instructions.

They were still drowsing over the endless expanse of white snow and ice when their fuel began to run dangerously low. Jay went on: "They made a pact that, when one of them ran out, they would all try to land together. The guys just didn't know where they were. They guessed they were near the west coast of Greenland."

In actual fact, they were about 12 miles off the east coast. A pilot called Brad McManus, who was flying as tail-end Charlie, was the first out of gas. The commanding officer, Robert Wilson, suggested he should try to make a normal, wheels-down landing.

"The idea was that, if the planes could be landed intact, fuel could be brought in to fly them out. Of course, in emergencies, a wheels-up landing is much safer. McManus saw a white, shiny, flat area as they all came down out of the overcast.

"He came in with his wheels down, went about 300 feet, and then tipped over. McManus crawled out, having hurt his arm slightly. But, because of his dangerous landing, the other five P-38s belly-landed."

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# Hall and Oates: rare instinct for survival

For 20 years pop stars Daryl Hall and John Oates have been the unsung heroes of the charts, churning out hit after hit. Now, in recognition of their achievements, they have just been voted the world's most successful rock partnership ever.

By James Roberts

POP superstars Daryl Hall (he's the tall blonde one) and John Oates (the dark muscular one) have come a long way since their first explosive meeting.

The chart-busting duo, who have sold more than 60 million records around the world, met at a music competition in their home town of Philadelphia when someone pulled out a gun and started shooting.

Not surprisingly their conversion then was a little stalled. But, 20 years later, they are still making sweet music together...and a fortune into the bargain.

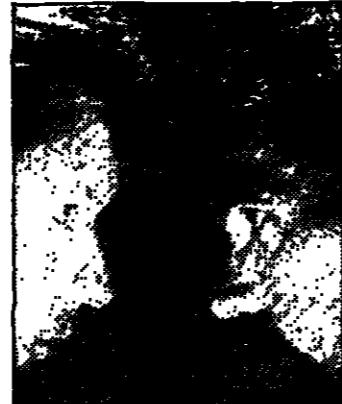
## Crowned

Now they have just crowned their glittering careers by being voted the world's most successful rock music partnership ever by the industry's prestigious Billboard magazine. And to their millions of adoring fans who have bought their songs such as She's Gone, Man Eater, Private Eyes and the ballad they wrote made famous by Paul Young, Everytime You Go Away, it is an award they richly deserve.

Today they have a new album out entitled Oh Yeah and after a three-year break from working with each other seem happier together than ever. Since they were asked to come up with a song for Beverly Hills II last year which set the Hall and Oates ball rolling again, they haven't looked back.

Physically they could not be more different. Hall, 38, is tall, skinny and pale, while Oates, also 38, is small, dark and muscular.

But as they enjoy yet another



Hall and Oates: making sweet music together... and a fortune in the bargain



Top rockers: Hall and Oates have been voted the world's most successful rock music partnership by Billboard magazine

killed six beautiful girls during his reign of terror in New York in 1977.

Daryl adds: "He always requested our record while he was in prison saying it inspired him."

**Rumoured**

"We weren't surprised by the shooting — gang warfare was pretty common at the dances where we played."

Luckily on that occasion no one was hurt, but the duo seem to have been dogged by violence.

Their smash hit Rich Girl was rumoured to have been an inspiration for American mass murderer Son of Sam who

murdered many girls' dreams when he

He explains: "My two birds



Singers Daryl Hall (left) and John Oates, the chart-busting duo who have sold more than 60 million records around the world.

told a magazine that he had bad gay relationships.

He is reported to have said: "The idea of sex with a man doesn't turn me off. I had lots of strange relationships with older boys when I was 14 and 15. But men don't particularly turn me on."

A failed marriage, a son and a longtime girlfriend suggest that those days are now over for Daryl. He has been with his girlfriend Sara Ellen throughout his pop success.

"When we met it was difficult for us because I already had a wife," he says. "I was about 20 when I married and we were both too young for it to work out. Sara and I have no plans to get married, though I would only do it to have children, and I don't want them at this stage."

"Sara is a great — she isn't a clinging vine like many women in rock. We both value our independence, and that is why our relationship has worked so well."

Birds — the feathered variety — have also featured in Hall and Oates' success ... in the shape of Daryl's two pet macaws, South American parrots.

He explains: "My two birds

can really tell hits from misses. When I write songs I always play them to the macaws first. From the way they behave I know if a song is going to be a hit or not. If they sing along and really seem happy I know we have a hit on our hands."

## Influenced

Like many musicians Hall's music was influenced by his childhood. Religion played a big part.

He says: "I have lot of ministers in my family so I was always stuck in church. I was singing in choirs, singing a lot of gospel music. I really grew up a lot in the same atmosphere as any black soul singer."

But a couple of years ago after Hall and Oates had reigned supreme for several years they decided to go their separate ways ... to pursue solo careers.

Hall said at the time: "People get older." Career-wise we've shared all our aspirations and I think we've got tired of just working from shared experiences all the time.

"We wanted to explore individual things and I think John felt the same way as did."

It was Daryl's decision to

break away from their long-standing partnership. "I think that was obvious if you follow our career. There is no question at all of a row. We're still as good friends now as we ever were. We were friends before we started working together."

"We became college room mates then two or three years later we decided to make music and since we were friends before, we're friends after it."

"I think he felt a little frustrated because my direction was always the direction that it seemed to go in. I have a stronger personality than him and I write more songs than him and they always were more popular so all those things would kind of make a dent in the guy."

But there have been enough compensations to prevent Oates from reaching for the sleeping pills. Hall and Oates have become one of the best-selling acts in popular music, rivaling the likes of Lionel Richie and Michael Jackson for sheer volume of hits, and piping The Everly Brothers as the all-time top duo.

Fortunately for their fans Hall and Oates are now back together and as big as ever.

Roll on the next 20 years...

# Phil Collins shoots up to top of UK charts

LONDON: A Groovy Kind of Love by Phil Collins shot up from seventh place to top the British pop singles chart this week.

Collins bumped The Only Way Is Up by Yazz and the Plastic Population into second place after five weeks as number one.

A release of He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother by the Hollies made its first appearance in the top 10 in third position. The song currently is being used in a British beer commercial.

This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

Taylor Dayne's I'll Always Love You moved from 13th to 9th, and Nobody's Fool, the theme from the film *Ghost*, by Kenny Loggins, climbed from 13th to 10th.

The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

## Top Ten UK

- (1) Sweet Child O' Mine — Guns n' Roses (Geffen)
- (2) (1) Monkey — George Michael (Columbia)
- (3) (5) Simply Irresistible — Robert Palmer (EMI-Manhattan)
- (4) (6) Perfect World — Huey Lewis and the News (Chrysalis)
- (5) (2) I Don't Wanna Go On With You Like That — Elton John (John)
- (6) (4) Fast Car — Tracy Chapman (Elektra)
- (7) (10) If It Isn't Love — New Edition (MCA)
- (8) (11) When I'm Gone — Van Halen (Warner Brothers)
- (9) (15) I'll Always Love You — Taylor Dayne (Arista)
- (10) (13) Nobody's Fool — Hall and Oates (Big Life)

## The Top UK

- (1) (7) A Groovy Kind of Love — Phil Collins (Virgin)
- (2) (1) The Only Way Is Up — Yazz and the Plastic Population (Big Life)
- (3) (—) He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother — Hollies (EMI)
- (4) (8) Teardrops — Womack and Womack (Fourth and Broadway)
- (5) (5) Megablast — Doesn't Make Me Wait — Bomb the Bass (Rhythm King)
- (6) (3) The Harder I Try — Brother Beyond (Parlophone)
- (7) (—) The Race — Yello (Mercury)
- (8) (2) Hands To Heaven — Breath (Virgin)
- (9) (9) My Love — Julio Iglesias and Stevie Wonder (CBS)
- (10) (6) I Need You — B.V.S.M.P. (Debut)

And in New York Guns n' Roses jumped to the top of the single pop record charts in the United States with their new hit Sweet Child O' Mine. The disc was third a week ago.

Monkey by George Michael slipped to second place on the Cash Box magazine chart, while Robert Palmer's Simply Irresistible popped up two notches to third.

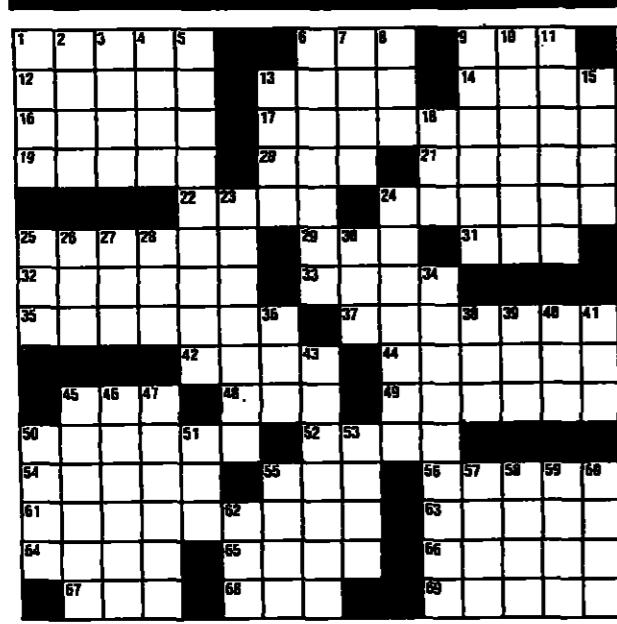
Last week's number two hit, I Don't Wanna Go On With You Like That by Elton John, dipped to fifth place.

Three newcomers made their way onto the top 10 pop list. When It's Love by Van Halen climbed from 11th to 8th,

and the top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

- (1) Joe Knows How to Live — Eddie Raven (RCA)
- (2) (6) What's Your Love Does To Me — Holly Dunn (MTM)
- (3) (1) Do You Love Me/Happy Say Yes — Highway 10 (Warner Brothers)
- (4) (7) I Should Be With You — Steve Warner (MCA)
- (5) (4) I Could Leave You If I Tried — Rodney Crowell (Columbia)
- (6) (9) Addicted — Dan Seals (Capitol)
- (7) (8) Don't Give Up on a Stranger — Larry Boone (Mercury-Polygram)
- (8) (11) We Believe in Happy Endings — Earl Thomas Conley with Emmylou Harris (RCA)
- (9) (12) Streets of Barrenland — Dwight Yoakam and Buck Owens (Warner Brothers Reprise)
- (10) (16) Hold Tight Moon — Randy Travis (Warner Brothers)

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



**ACROSS**

- 1 Subject for William Blake
- 6 Actor O'Neal
- 9 Become less green
- 12 Revere
- 13 Crafty
- 14 — fide
- 16 Hug
- 17 Tires
- 19 Harrison's running mate
- 20 Hall, to Caesar
- 21 Total
- 22 Concerning
- 24 Villainous looks
- 25 — Islands, N. of Cuba
- 26 Cut short
- 31 Before JFK
- 32 Site of a biblical 'splashdown'
- 33 Strode
- 34 Gifted people
- 37 Vivify
- 42 Short swims
- 44 Amateurish painter
- 45 One of a slapstick trio
- 48 Dine
- 49 Of a Sicilian volcano
- 50 More glacial
- 52 Declare
- 54 Elevate
- 55 Biblical lion
- 56 "Hedda Gabler" author
- 61 Trade
- 63 Praise for Pavarotti
- 64 Come apart, with "off"
- 65 Fruit drinks
- 66 Mansard feature
- 67 AMA members
- 68 United
- 69 Cubic meter

**DOWN**

- 1 Savoir-faire
- 2 In a leisure fashion
- 3 Score for Gretsky
- 4 Gaelic
- 5 Tirade
- 6 Forrestal
- 7 Four roads
- 8 — Hague
- 9 Tarned
- 10 Egged on
- 11 Put up with
- 13 Not closed
- 15 Nile opidians
- 18 — about-town
- 23 Sharper
- 24 Metrical foot
- 25 What Boggs belts with
- 26 Heavenly altar
- 27 Actor Linden
- 29 100 square meters
- 30 Retirement
- 34 Tirades
- 35 Mineral spring
- 36 River near Bangkok
- 39 Actor Vigoda
- 40 Afternoon affair
- 41 Sea eagle
- 43 Furnished
- 45 Moped
- 46 Director Stone
- 47 Namesakes of a Ford
- 48 Shot, for Snead
- 51 All-inclusive abbr.
- 53 Struggles
- 55 Assistant
- 57 Holy terror
- 58 Hoard
- 59 Eternal
- 60 Winning margin, at times
- 62 Marble

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
WATCH OUT FOR 'SIMPLE' HANDS

Both vulnerable. South deals.

### NORTH

♦ A 9 7 3

♥ 9 5 4

♦ Q 6 4

♣ A Q 5

### WEST

♦ K Q J

♥ J 8 6 3

♦ K 10 9 3 2

♣ 7

### EAST

♦ 10 8 5 4 2

♥ 7

♦ J 8 5

♣ 9 8 3 2

### SOUTH

♦ 6

♥ A K Q 10 2

♦ A 7

♣ K 10 6 4

### The bidding:

South: West: North: East:

1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass

2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass

4 NT Pass 5 ♠ Pass

5 NT Pass 6 ♠ Pass

6 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠

his partner took a jump preference over two clubs, South launched into Blackwood before coming to rest in six hearts.

The king of spades was a normal lead, and declarer thought that his only loser was going to be a diamond. He won the first trick in dummy, cashed two trumps and got a rude shock when East discarded a spade on the second trump. Declarer tried to recover by crossing to the queen of clubs and ruffing a second spade. However, when he tried to get to dummy with a second club, West ruffed and exited with a trump, and declarer eventually had to concede a diamond for down one.

It needed only a simple precaution for declarer to give himself an extra chance—he should have ruffed a spade at trick two. Now when East shows out on the second trump, declarer can draw a third round, cross to dummy with a club and ruff another spade. All that remains is to run clubs and wait until West ruffs, then hope for the best.

If the cards lie as in the diagram, when West ruffs he has only diamonds left. And since he holds the king, leading away from the monarch will allow dummy's queen to score the fulfilling trick.

Note that South did not feel compelled to do more than rebid two clubs at his second turn. He did not get excited about the hand because of the spade misfit. However, when

## THE WIZARD OF ID

BY BRENT PARKER AND RON GIBSON



B.C.

de cathon



## YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will feel a little excited about the way things are going. You should leave yourself a bit more room for doubt. Do be prepared to change your mind in the light of new evidence. Be cordial.

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Tourism becomes billion-dollar business in Morocco

RABAT, Sept 9. (Reuters): Tourism has become a booming billion-dollar industry in Morocco attracting foreign investors and raking in more foreign exchange than anything but the phosphate industry and money sent home by workers abroad.

Last year Morocco earned a record eight billion dirhams (about \$1 billion), 16 per cent more than the year before, from 1.7 million tourists. Tourism Minister Moussa Saadi told a recent news conference.

The number of tourists was already an 8.6 per cent increase over 1986 and Saadi said he expected even better business this year judging by a 17 per cent rise in the first three months of 1988 over the same period last year.

### Attractions

"The tourism horizon is wide open, the attractions are varied and with co-ordinated co-operation we can attract millions of tourists from everywhere," he said.

"Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates are interested in investing in our tourist industry," he added.

Lured by the business prospects and financial incentives, a Portuguese group, Consorcio de Gestao e Investimentos Turisticos, has agreed to build a \$140-million tourist complex at Saadia on the Mediterranean.

American real estate developer James Burch is seeking government approval to build an "African acapulco" in Agadir on the Atlantic at a cost of more than \$400 million.

Morocco spent about 900 million dirhams (\$110 million) last year building more hotels and improving transport for tourists, buying a new aircraft for the national airline Air Maroc. Morocco, with a coastline stretching from the Atlantic into the Mediterranean, offers year-round sun, excursions into the deserts of the western Sahara, sandy beaches, water-skiing and fishing.

## US banks having banner year despite Texas setbacks

WASHINGTON, Sept 9, (AP): The nation's commercial banks enjoyed their most profitable six months on record through June this year, despite continuing losses in Texas, the government said yesterday.

"You could hardly ask ... for better," said Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Chairman L. William Seidman.

Commercial banks earned \$105 billion in the first and second quarters this year, topping the \$9.7 billion in net income for the second and third quarters of 1985, which had been the most profitable six months since the FDIC began keeping track in 1934.

In the first half of last year, banks lost \$5.4 billion. The big loss was almost entirely attributable to huge reserves set aside by the largest banks for expected losses on loans to Third World countries.

### Reserves

Banks haven't seen the need to build those reserves further this year and are thus earning strong profits. Banks set aside \$916 million on foreign loans in the first six months of this year, compared with 16.4 billion in the same period a year ago.

"We think ... we will see record profits for the year if the economy continues on its current level," said Seidman, whose agency insures commercial banks deposits up to \$100,000. The most profitable year for banking was 1985, when the industry posted earnings of \$18.1 billion.

The April-June period of 1988 was the second most profitable quarter on record, after the July-September quarter of last year, when banks reported \$5.8 billion in net income.

## Economic and trade pact

DAMASCUS, Sept 9. (Reuters): Syria and India signed an agreement on Wednesday to improve economic and trade cooperation, officials said.

Indian officials arrived on Monday to attend Damascus's 35th international trade fair. India traditionally takes part in the event.

Relations received a big boost following a visit by Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi to Syria in June.

## Kuwait-Madras service planned

# BA to resume flights to Iraq and Iran

By M.C. Bose

BRITISH Airways will resume flights to Iraq and Iran during the coming winter season after the Gulf war.

Laurence O'Toole, the BA manager in both Kuwait and Iraq, told a press briefing at the Kuwait Sheraton on Wednesday that British Airways stopped service to Tehran in 1982. The airline was operating two flights a week to Iran and three flights a week to Baghdad. The airline stopped its services to Baghdad in recent news conference.

O'Toole said BA maintained an office in the Iraqi capital even during the "troubled years."

### Flight

"It is only a matter of flight scheduling in Iraq, but in Tehran we have to generate more interest in the travel trade. A fresh attempt has to be made there since the office was closed five years ago," the BA manager said.

British Airways Kuwait Sales Manager Ralph Collins, Assistant Sales Manager Micheline Abu Chacra and the Bahrain-based public relations representative Vivian Lines (Gulf Hill and Knowlton) also attended the press conference.

British Airways officials share the view that traffic looks better but "we don't expect an immediate boom in this industry," O'Toole said. A slow and gradual buildup is possible, and long-term prospects will be more promising.

The officials said the Gulf operations were not seriously affected by the war. The potential

Kuwait market has been growing steadily and with new vigour.

When asked about the traffic growth, the BA manager said the airline makes 100 take-offs and landings every week in the Middle East. Every year, BA carries 48,000 passengers in and out of Kuwait, he said.

Collins told the press that Madras is being introduced by BA as a new destination from Kuwait for the winter 1988 schedules which start at the end of October and continue until March next year.

He said: "This will bring the direct, non-stop flights and will greatly benefit travellers to and from the southern part of India."

### Operate

Two non-stop flights will operate each week, departing from Kuwait on Friday and Sunday at 9.05 am and arriving in Madras at 4.00 pm.

The first eastbound flight will be the BA149, leaving London's Heathrow Airport on Nov 3 at 10.20 pm, arriving in Kuwait at 8 am on Friday, Nov 4 and continuing on to Madras at 9.05 am.

The first westbound flight will be the BA148, leaving Madras at 9.00 pm on Friday, Nov 4.

Return fares to Madras have not been finalised but they will be competitively priced to reflect current market conditions, the officials said.

### Bookings

British Airways is now taking bookings for the winter schedules.

Meanwhile, some travel agents in Kuwait told the Arab



Picture shows from left to right Ralph Collins, Micheline Abu Chacra and Laurence O'Toole.

Times that it looks like air traffic will grow further and business prospects are encouraging.

Airlines which expect to sell their services to business executives will have steady growth prospects, they said.

However, a well-established travel agency executive in Kuwait, who wished to be unidentified, said British Airways' Kuwait-Madras services would be more profitable, if the airline and concerned authorities could change rigid and unattractive customs proceedings in Madras.

### Importance

In related travel news, British Airways' Middle East Visitors Service (MEVS) has extended its operations to include London Gatwick Airport from Sept 1, to assist the increasing number of Arab passengers travelling with BA and using Gatwick.

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Airways and MEVS," said the BA manager. The number of BA passengers using Gatwick is expected to increase by at least 20 per cent in 1989.

Currently, some Middle East flights from Muscat, Dhahran and Dubai arrive at Gatwick and other Middle East destinations are expected to be added next year.

### Service

"We therefore thought it essential that MEVS should establish an office at Gatwick to provide the best possible service for Arab passengers flying with BA," said O'Toole.

MEVS was founded as a subsidiary of British Airways in 1980. The service is staffed by Arab nationals, fluent in Arabic and English, who meet all BA flights arriving and departing at Heathrow and Gatwick to and from the Middle East.

A passenger requesting MEVS service at the time of booking will

be met on arrival in London and escorted through passport control, customs and immigration and through to the baggage reclaim area and out into the arrivals hall.

MEVS will also assist passengers when they leave London and can arrange transfers between Gatwick and Heathrow airports.

MEVS is much more than just a 'meet and greet' service, O'Toole said. It also provides assistance for Arab passengers staying in Britain. This can range from making hotel reservations, booking language schools or apartments and arranging medical treatment to organising a car or limousine to take passengers to their destination.

"MEVS is a vital element in British Airways' philosophy of responding to the needs of its passengers and it demonstrates the airline's care and commitment to the Arab world," the BA manager said.

## Drexel case boosts prospects for tough insider-trading law

WASHINGTON, Sept 9, (Reuters): A blockbuster case against the Wall Street investment firm of Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc and six people with illegal insider stock trading, manipulating stock prices, rigging corporate takeovers and other securities law breaches.

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The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), capping its largest probe since passage of US

securities laws more than 50 years ago, on Wednesday charged Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc and six people with illegal insider stock trading, manipulating stock prices, rigging corporate takeovers and other securities law breaches.

But the prospects for adoption of such measures before Congress adjourns are uncertain, securities law analysts said, though bills have been moving through the legislature for months.

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## Thatcher backs Lawson on rising interest rates

GLASGOW, Scotland, Sept 9, (Reuters): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher yesterday strongly defended a controversial decision by Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson to slow down Britain's consumer demand by raising interest rates.

Thatcher told the Scottish Confederation of British Industry that Lawson's move was necessary. She said it was in everyone's interests to get a balance right between saving and investment.

Lawson's policies have come under increasing fire in the last 10 days after a record July current account deficit, fuelled by strong consumer imports, sparked a slide in sterling and a one-point rise in interest rates to 12.25 per cent.

### Growth

Britain would not have had its present prolonged period of economic growth if inflation here and in other Western industrialised countries had not been brought down in the early 1980s, she said.

"But government can never relax its efforts against inflation. Once there is any sign that inflationary pressure is building up, government must take the necessary action to stop it," she said.

Thatcher said the fundamental strength of the world economy had come through more strongly than expected and Britain had continued to be one of the fastest growing economies.

While the strength of investment was encouraging, the rapid growth in consumption had led to imports growing much faster than exports, a substantial trade deficit and too much buying financed by too much borrowing at a time when savings had fallen sharply.

## Indonesian trade team to visit US and W. Germany

JAKARTA, Sept 9, (OPECNA): A delegation of the Indonesian capital investment coordinating agency starts a two-week tour of the United States and West Germany tomorrow.

Sanyoto Sastrowardoyo, head of the agency, said the mission will offer investment opportunities in export-oriented projects in Indonesia.

These will cover high technology, machine tool industry, petrochemicals, agriculture, shrimp breeding and base metal industry, he stated.

He said in the past three years, the value of foreign capital investment projects approved by the Indonesian government had been increasing.

In 1986, the figure was \$826 million, in 1987, \$1.45 billion and for the first eight months of 1988, \$2.80 billion had been recorded, he announced.

## Demand for Colombo labour in Mideast on the rise

## Lack of flights worries Sri Lankans

COLOMBO, Sept 9, (KUNA): Sri Lanka, which has been hoping to increase its foreign exchange earnings by sending more workers to Middle Eastern countries, has been hampered by the inadequacy of flights to the region.

Foreign Employment Agency officials said here today.

A senior official at a local foreign employment agency told KUNA the demand for Sri Lankan labour in the Middle East is growing fast, but due to inadequate flights the country is unable to meet the demand.

The official, wishing anonymity, said five airlines which carry the bulk of the Middle East-bound passengers — Air Lanka, Kuwait Airways, Gulf Air, Emirates Air, and Saudia — are able to carry only 40 per cent of the labour traffic.

"We want Air Lanka to step

up its flights in these routes," Gaminni S. Dassanayaka of the Association of Licensed Foreign Employment Agencies said.

But if the national carrier is unable to do it, other airlines should be allowed to fly to the region.

Since the airlines are unable to meet the demand, many workers who found jobs in Middle East have to wait for weeks to get a ticket, Dassanayaka said.

Isn't it a pity that those who should have already been working and sending the needed foreign exchange (back to Sri Lanka) are made to cool their heels here," Dassanayaka asked.

### Workers

The official at the local foreign employment agency said the failure to send the needed workers in time affects their relationship with their foreign

employers.

The workers who have secured a job in the Middle East but are unable to go in time due to lack of flights are worried that they might lose their jobs," he said.

"It makes me feel tense when I think I should have gone Dubai as a housemaid before the end of August, but still am stranded here because my job agent could not get me a seat," Atima Mohamed, 29, told KUNA.

"Now I am scared I might lose my job," she said.

### Declined

Sri Lankans working abroad, mostly in the Middle East, have been sending much-needed foreign exchange to the country. When the tourist trade and the traditional tea sector have in the Middle East.

FEB officials recently told KUNA they are sending a state team to explore job opportunities in Iran and Iraq.

The decline has been mostly due to adverse weather condi-

tions and the now more than five-year-old Tamil separatist rebellion which has so far claimed at least 9,000 lives.

Last year, the country's workers in the Middle East sent back at least £200 million, and this year the country's Central Bank officials have predicted Sri Lanka could earn at least \$225 million.

### Earnings

To increase the country's foreign exchange earnings and to reduce rising unemployment, the state-run Foreign Employment Bureau (FEB) which co-ordinates the labour migration, has been exploring possibilities to expand the job market for Sri Lankans in the Middle East.

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The source said high global output put pressure on prices.

On Thursday, the Kuwait News Agency issued a report from Vienna, the site of OPEC

# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

## LONDON (ADMITTED STOCKS)

NAME	LAST	IMI	383/0	383/0	HESTAIR	314/0	314/0	SALVESEN	163/0	164/0
ABBEY LFE	300.0	INCHCAPE	193/0	193/0	HEYWOOD W	268/0	269/0	SAVILLE G	47/0	47/0
ADT LTD	129/2	JAGUAR	240/0	240/0	HICKINS IN	213/0	213/0	SAVILLS	120/0	120/0
ALD LYONS	392.0	LADBROKE	435/0	435/0	HIGGINS HIL	335/0	335/0	SAVOT "A"	805/0	805/0
ANSTRAD	200.0	LAND SEC'S	552.5	552.5	HMBR CTY	76/0	76/0	SCHR.GLO	217/0	216/0
ARGYLL GP	169.0	LAPORTE	391.0	391.0	HMBR 20P	221/0	222/0	SCOT HERI	179/0	180/0
ASDA GP	149/0	LASNO	388.0	388.0	HMBR SPKR	176/0	173/0	SCOT I.T.	125/0	126/0
BAA	56.25	LEGAL+GEN	294.5	294.5	HOGG GARD	150/0	150/0	SCOT MET	127/4	127/0
BTR	268.0	LONHRO	262/0	262/0	HOLMES PR	106/0	106/0	SCOT MORT	96/0	95/0
BAT IND'S	430.0	A.NER TS	351/0	348/0	HODDEN GP	116/0	117/0	SCOT AM.I	88/0	89/0
BARCLAYS	390/0	MAGNET	206/0	206/0	HOPKINSON	97/0	97/0	SCOT NAT C	25/0	25/0
BASS	726.0	A.S.W.HLD	176/4	177/0	HTV GROUP	216/0	211/0	ADV MICRO	111/1	111/1
BEAVER	74.32	MARKS+SP	156.0	156.0	ICE-FZ.FD	344/0	345/0	SCOT NAT I	91/0	91/0
BEECHAMS	472.0	AAB KENT	74/0	74/0	IMRY H.D.	352/0	352/0	SCOT NAT W	6/0	6/0
BERSFORD	78.62	PEARL	474/0	474/0	SECS TST	99/0	99/0	ATENA LIFE	50/4	50/4
BICC PLC	340.0	PEARSON	700.0	700.0	SENIOR EN	55/0	55/0	AWANSON	16/0	16/0
BLUE ARK	92/0	PILKINGTON	198.0	198.0	INOPINDT W	12/0	12/0	ABBOTT LAB	49/0	49/1
BLUE CIR	426/0	PLESSY	144/2	144/2	INT.BUS.CN	120/0	121/0	AIR PR-CMH	42/1	42/2
BOC GP	390.0	POLLY PEC	302/0	302/0	BULLOUGH	76/0	76/0	SHERATON S	19/2	19/2
BOOTS CO	199/0	RACAL	282.0	282.0	CATERPILLAR	120/0	121/0	ALASKA AIR	19/2	19/2
BPS IND'S	252/0	RANK HVIS	357.0	357.0	CAE GROUP	298/0	298/0	ALBERTSONS	33/7	34/1
BR COMM	222.0	RANK ORG	624.0	624.0	CAP.RADIO	450/0	453/0	ALBERTRAND	121/0	122/0
BR AIRWAY	150/0	RECKITT+CO	246/0	246/0	CARDOON	320/0	330/0	ALBINA 6-16	82/0	82/0
BR AEROSP	479/0	REDLAND	394/0	394/0	CARLCO EN	194/0	193/0	ALCAN ALUM	29/4	29/6
BR GAS RG	72.00	REDMAN B	407/0	407/0	CASE GRP	127/0	129/0	ALD STAND	25/2	25/3
BR GAS RT	169/0	ROYAL BC	341.5	341.5	CASEY K	79.0	79.0	ALMONE	51/3	51/4
BR LAND	312.0	RYK BKC	434/0	434/0	CATTLE HD	63/0	64/0	ALMONE	51/3	51/4
BT.P.P.	236/0	RTZ CORP.	410/0	410/0	CAUDLON	10/0	10/0	AM CYANID	20/2	20/1
BT.P.P.	139.0	ROLLS ROY	130/0	130/0	CHAM PHR	147/0	146/0	AM ELET.PW	28/0	28/1
BR TELCOM	231/0	ROTTHAM B	407/0	407/0	CHARTER	22/0	22/0	AM HOM PRO	79/3	79/4
BURMAN OL	505/0	ROONTREE	268/0	268/0	CHAS CHUR	103/0	103/0	AM HOM PRO	79/5	79/7
BURTON	193/0	AUTO SECS	260/0	258/0	CHLORIDE	52/0	52/0	AM STANDARD	0	77/6
CABLE & WIR	61.50	ROYAL INS	363.0	363.0	CHLORITES	508/0	508/0	AM STORES	49/7	50/3
CADDIBURYS	334/4	SAATCHI	337.0	337.0	CHLORINE	66/0	66/0	AM TEL-TEL	25/2	25/2
COATS VIY	206/0	SAINSBURY	207.0	207.0	CHLORINE	125/0	125/0	AMCO CORP	72/5	72/7
CONN UNI	324/0	SCOT-NEW	527.0	527.0	CHLORINE	324/0	324/0	AMCO INC	42/2	42/3
CONS GOLD	043.0	SEARS	127/0	127/0	CHLORINE	325/0	325/0	AMCO PIT	12/3	12/3
COOKSONS	245.0	SEDGWICK/C	220.0	220.0	CHLORINE	326/0	326/0	AMCOR	43/7	45/6
COURTAULD	300.0	SELL	970.0	970.0	CHLORINE	327/0	327/0	AMGRAN	55/3	55/1
DALGETY	292.0	SGE	298.0	298.0	CHLORINE	328/0	328/0	AND JINDS	1/0	1/0
DEE CP	163/0	STD.CHART	497/0	497/0	CHLORINE	329/0	330/0	ANDRE AFF	12/7	12/7
DIXONS	152/0	STC	250.0	250.0	CHLORINE	330/0	330/0	ANDREW HUG	12/1	12/2
ENG CHINA	436.0	STORENSE	190.0	190.0	CHLORINE	331/0	331/0	ANDREW HUG	10/0	10/0
ENTER OIL	433/0	SW ALLIA	957.0	957.0	CHLORINE	332/0	332/0	ANDREW HUG	10/0	10/0
FKI BABCK	119.0	TARMAC	222/0	222/0	CHLORINE	333/0	333/0	ANDREW HUG	10/0	10/0
FERRANTI	83.0	TATE&PE	813/0	813/0	CHLORINE	334/0	334/0	ANDREW HUG	10/0	10/0
GEN ACCID	882.0	TYLR WOOD	597/0	597/0	CHLORINE	335/0	335/0	ANDREW HUG	10/0	10/0
GEN ELEC	155/6	TESCO	136.0	136.0	CHLORINE	336/0	336/0	ANDREW HUG	10/0	10/0
GLAXO	988/0	TSB	98/0	98/0	CHLORINE	337/0	337/0	ANDREW HUG	10/0	10/0
GRANADA	289/0	T. + N	173/0	173/0	CHLORINE	338/0	338/0	ANDREW HUG	10/0	10/0
GLOBE	138/0	TRUSTHSE	227.0	227.0	CHLORINE	339/0	339/0	ANDREW HUG	10/0	10/0
GLYNM	283/0	ULTRAMAR	205/0	205/0	CHLORINE	340/0	340/0	ANDREW HUG	10/0	10/0
GRAND MET	477.0	UNILEVER	453/0	453/0	CHLORINE	341/0	341/0	ANDREW HUG	10/0	10/0
GUARD RYL	174.0	UNIGATE	262/0	262/0	CHLORINE	342/0	342/0	ANDREW HUG	10/0	10/0
GKN	312/0	UTD BISC	55.00	55.00	CHLORINE	343/0	343/0	ANDREW HUG	10/0	10/0
GUINNESS	314/0	UTD NSPR	382/0	382/0	CHLORINE	344/0	344/0	ANDREW HUG	10/0	10/0
HANNERS A	622/0	WELLCOME	479.0	479.0	CHLORINE	345/0	345/0	ANDREW HUG	10/0	10/0
HANSON	140.0	WHITEBIRD	272/0	272/0	CHLORINE	346/0	346/0	ANDREW HUG	10/0	10/0
HARRISH C	620/0	WILLIAMS	257.0	257.0	CHLORINE	347/0	347/0	ANDREW HUG	10/0	10/0
HUKER SID	498.0	WILLIS FB	225/0	225/0	CHLORINE	348/0	348/0	ANDREW HUG	10/0	10/0
HILLSDOWN	258.0	WIMPEY GE	223/0	223/0	CHLORINE	349/0	349/0	ANDREW HUG	10/0	10/0
ICI	000.0	WILKCOM	253/0	253/0	CHLORINE	350/0	350/0	ANDREW HUG	10/0	10/0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1398.5	1402.4	1419.5	1483.2	1373.3	1373.3	1373.3
FT 500 SHR	985.3	985.3	996.9	1052.0	957.6	957.6	957.6
FT ALL SHR	905.65	905.65	913.28	963.01	870.22	870.22	870.22
FT GOV SEC	86.60	86.62	86.79	87.92	88.49	88.49	88.49
FT GOLD MN	183.6	183.5	182.3	207.2	302		

# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1988

## International Bond Price Index

London—Aetna Life and Casualty Co is issuing a 100 mln dir Eurobond due Oct 10, 1995 paying 9-1/2 pct and priced at 101-1/2 pct, lead manager Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd said. (RTVB 1453).

London—ASLX-CGER Ilico, Cayman Islands, is issuing a 10 billion yen Eurobond due Jan 12, 1993 paying 5-1/2 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager LTCB International Ltd said. (RTVC 1506).

Frankfurt—A bond issued for a unit of Bond Corp Holdings Ltd today has been raised to 175 mln marks from 150 mln owing to favourable demand, lead manager Berliner Handels-und Frankfurter Bank (BHF) said. (RTIZ 0943).

London—Copenhagen Telephone Co Inc is issuing a 75 mln ECU Eurobond due Sept 7, 1993 paying eight pct and priced at 101-7/8 pct, lead manager Deutsche Bank Capital Markets said. (RTZQ 0956).

## Interbank Rates

## Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bld	Offered
1 month	5-7/8	6-3/16
3 months	6	6-1/4
6 months	6-1/16	6-5/16
1 year	6-1/8	6-1/2

## BOMBAY

	PR CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	58	58	61.25	MICO	600	615	620
ACC	253	251	256	GRASIM	47.50	47.50	48	MUKAND	89	88.75	89.50
ASIA PAINT	171.25	170	170	GSCF	105	105	105	NOCIL	630	625	665
BAJAJ AUTO	270	268.75	272.50	HIND LEVER	71.50	70.50	71.50	PEICO	30	29	30
BAR. BAYON	240	245	250	HINDALCO	104	105.50	106	PFIZER	59	58	59.50
BON.DYING	111	115	116	HINDCOPA	92.50	93.75	96.25	PRE-AUTO	29.50	29	29.50
BR. BOND	94	97	97	HINDMOTOR	27.25	26.75	27.75	RAYMOND	58	55.50	57
BSE INDEX	611.68	621.69	621.69	IND ORG	31.50	32	32.50	RELIANCE	193	191	189
CENTURYSPI	1095	1040	1047.5	INDRAYON	67	68	65.75	SIEMENS	50.50	51	51
COLGATE	255	250	260	INDROL	200	205	217.50	SPIC	44.50	44	45
DEEPAKFERT	37	37.50	37.75	ITC	45	45.40	45.50	STDMILLS	235	245	250
EL. HOTEL	49	49.50	47	JOSYNT	72	69.50	71.50	TATA PAR	222.50	222	222.50
ESKAFF.	122.50	125	125.50	L. AND T.	122	126	125.50	TATACHEM	77	76	77
ESSAR	17.25	17.75	18	MAHINDRA	62	62	65	TELCO	710	705	717.50
GAR. POLY	75.50	76.50	76.75	MASTERSH	10.70	--	--	TISCO	895	892.50	887.50
GE.SHIP	28.75	29	29	MONTPL	57.50	54	50	VOLTAZ	352.50	347.50	352.50

## ORGANIC SPOTS

## TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	NITSUB CP	1080	1090
AEG	202.6	202.6	AIJINMOTO	2940	2940	2940
ALLIANZ VR	1554.0	1550.0	AKAI ELEC	602	579	579
BAEDEMERK	177.0	179.0	AKCI	920	916	916
BASF	261.2	260.5	ASANI GLS	1940	1900	1900
BAYER	291.0	291.0	ASANI OPT	650	665	665
BAYER HYP	334.5	333.0	BANK TOKYO	1550	1560	1560
BAYER VER	334.3	335.0	BRIDGESTONE	1300	1270	1270
BBC	300.6	300.0	CANON	1450	1460	1460
BHP	423.0	425.0	CASIO CORP	1410	1440	1440
BHM	502.0	503.5	CHUGAI PHM	1650	1630	1630
COMMERZB	227.8	228.8	CITIZEN V	928	916	916
CONTI GUMM	246.7	248.0	D-ICHI KAN	2610	2650	2650
DAINER BEN	671.0	670.0	DAI-NIP IK	787	769	769
DEUTSC. BHK	474.8	476.0	DAI-NIP PT	2610	2590	2590
DLT	377.0	376.0	DAI-NIP SC	1020	1020	1020
DRESDNER-B	246.45	246.50	DAI-NIP TO	1620	1615	1615
DTB BANCO	178.10	178.20	DAISEI	820	818	818
FAZ TENDER	490.19	490.55	DAIWA N.	1960	1990	1990
FELDMECH	271.5	273.9	DAIMA SEC	2300	2290	2290
GOLD SCHMID	297.8	296.0	EBRA MFG	915	919	919
HARPER	423.0	430.0	EISAI	2050	2080	2080
HOECHST AG	283.2	283.5	FUJITSU	1720	1750	1750
HOESCH	151.0	152.2	FUJI BANK	3150	3160	3160
HORTEN	201.0	200.0	FUJI PHOTO	3510	3510	3510
HUSSEL WLD	437.0	435.0	FUJISAWA	1850	1820	1820
KALI SALZ	165.0	163.5	FUJITA CP	725	735	735
KARTSTADT	436.3	435.0	KITACHI	1650	1660	1660
KAUFHOF	357.0	360.0	HONDA MOT	2080	2090	2090
KLOCKE H	137.8	139.0	ISETAN	2180	2210	2210
KLOCKE U	0	97.1	ITO YOKADO	4000	4010	4010
LINDE	668.0	670.0	JAP. STYR	1090	1080	1080
LUFTHANSA	143.5	144.0	JAPAN AIR	14000	13800	13800
MAN	196.0	196.5	JAPAN MET	635	650	650
MANNESMAN	167.0	168.8	KAITAMA	1400	1400	1400
MERCDES	537.0	539.0	KANSAI EL	2920	2910	2910
METALLGES	302.0	299.4	KAO SOAP	1720	1720	1720
MIXDORF PF	425.1	427.5	KANASAKI H	628	626	626
NORSK HYD	53.40	53.10	KANASAKI S	758	742	742
PHILIP KOM	608.0	607.0	KIRIN BREW	1900	1890	1890
POSCHE	533.0	536.0	KOMATSU	739	738	738
PREUSSAG	177.0	176.3	KUBOTA LTD	719	729	729
PUMA	225.0	223.8	KYOCERA	5550	5560	5560
RHEINMETAL	295.0	302.0	MACHITA EL	1600	1600	1600
RHE	240.8	235.0	MARU	2910	2910	2910
RHE P	222.5	217.0	MATSUTA EI	2560	2560	2560
SALAMANDER	277.0	278.0	MATSUTA EL	0	2660	2660
SCHERING	499.0	499.5	MEIJI SEIKI	1040	995	995
SEL	278.0	277.0				
SIEMENS	435.8	435.5				
THYSEN	147.0	149.0				
VARTA	276.5	276.0				
VEBA	256.6	256.5				
VEU	159.5	159.5				
VOLKSHAGEN	252.0	251.4				

## TOKYO Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE DOWN, JUST OFF LOWS  
TOKYO, Sept 9, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED DOWN AFTER AN INITIAL RALLY DIED. INVESTORS PREFERRED TO TAKE PROFITS AND STICK TO THE SIDELINES AHEAD OF WEEKEND AND U.S. AUGUST PRODUCER PRICE INDEX DUE AT 1230 GMT, BROKERS SAID.  
"NOW THE YEN IS AROUND 133, BUT NO ONE KNOWS WHAT DIRECTION IT WILL TAKE TOMORROW. IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE YEN TO COME BACK DOWN TO 135 OR 136, SO PEOPLE ARE VERY CAUTIOUS," SAID TORANOURI SUGAI, A BROKER AT SHEARSON LERMAN HUTTON ASIA INC. THE NIKKEI INDEX LOST 95.01 POINTS, OR 0.34 PCT, TO 27,647.10. IT ROSE 256.10 POINTS ON THURSDAY.  
(CORRECTS TO SHOW INDEX LOST, NOT GAINED, 95.01 POINTS)  
FALLS LED RIDES BY 1.3 TO ONE IN BRISK TURNOVER OF 750 MLN SHARES AGAINST 850 MLN ON THURSDAY.  
RAILWAY/BUS, NON-LIFE INSURANCE, CREDIT/LEASE, BANK, REAL ESTATE, ELECTRICAL, RETAIL, PHARMACEUTICAL, TRADING HOUSE AND NON-FERROUS METAL ISSUES LED THE DECLINES. COMMUNICATIONS, RUBBER, MINING, GLASS/CEMENT, TRUCKING AND SOME MANUFACTURING SECTORS LED THE GAINS.  
THE INDEX ROSE 133.43 POINTS TO THE DAY'S HIGH OF 27,873.54 IN INITIAL TRADE, BUOYED BY A STRONG YEN, LOW OIL PRICES AND PROSPECTS INTEREST RATES WILL NOT RISE.  
THE DOLLAR HAS AT A 1988 TOKYO CLOSING HIGH AGAINST THE YEN LAST FRIDAY, BUT FELL AFTER HIGHER-THAN-ANTICIPATED U.S. AUGUST UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES.  
SOME BROKERS SAID THEY WERE MORE WORRIED THAT MUCH OF THE YEN'S STRENGTH CAME TOO QUICKLY AND FROM TOO MUCH SPECULATIVE BUYING AND THAT THE LONGER-TERM PICTURE IS STILL UNCERTAIN.  
"THE MARKET HAS RUN OUT OF NEW ENERGY FOLLOWING CURRENCY MOVES AND LESSENED WORRIES ABOUT INFLATION," SAID JONAH AWAY, A BROKER AT W.W. CARP (OVERSEAS) LTD.  
NOW INVESTORS ARE WAITING FOR NEW FIGURES TO SHOW WHETHER THE U.S. ECONOMY IS SLOWING DOWN.

## Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, Sept 9, REUTER - SHARE PRICES FELL IN TYPICAL LACKLUSTER TRADING AHEAD OF THE WEEKEND.  
THE HANG SENG INDEX FELL 11.97 POINTS TO 2,496.56 AND THE BROAD-BASED HONG KONG INDEX 8.36 TO 1,650.50. TURNOVER WAS AN EXTREMELY SLUGGISH 390.2 MIL. H.K. DLRs, BELOW THURSDAY'S 481.02 MILN.  
BROKERS SAID THEY ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE LOCAL MARKET'S PERSISTENTLY LOW TURNOVER

## Gold moves up

## Dollar rises on US wholesale prices news

LONDON, Sept 9. (Reuters): The dollar rose today when the United States reported that domestic wholesale prices last month rose faster than most economists had expected.

Wall Street stocks fell, with the Dow Jones industrial average down as much as 19 points to a morning low of 2,044. European shares were under pressure.

Dealers said news of a 0.6-per cent rise in the US producer price index suggested inflation might remain a risk.

Gold, which many investors favour when they fear inflation will erode the value of their cash, stocks and bonds, rose higher to be fixed in London at \$429.40 an ounce, up \$1.15 from Thursday afternoon.

## Pressures

"The PPI was more than the 0.5 per cent that was expected and it was a little bit of good news for the inflation hedge metals," said Don Tierney of New York bullion dealers Stanley B. Bell Inc.

Some traders started buying dollars, feeling that rising inflationary pressures could lead the American central bank to raise interest rates, so boosting

the returns on dollar-denominated bank accounts and bonds.

The dollar rose as much as one pfennig and two-thirds of a yen to touch highs of 1,8520 West German marks and 133.65 yen. It gained half a cent to trade as high as \$1.6950 to the British pound sterling.

But many dealers said they were unsure the wholesale prices report really signalled higher inflation.

"It still looks like an inflation rate of between five and six per cent for the year," said one New York currency dealer.

"The numbers are more or less in line with expectations. We don't really have much new information," she added.

**Revision**  
kei Average slipped 93.01 points to 27,647.10.

In London equity prices lost a modest recovery to stand mostly easier in late trading as Wall Street quickly slid over 15 points in a thin market.

Shares were marked down sharply early this morning after news of a £363 million rights issue from Carlton Communications but dealers said there was little follow-through selling and a feeling the fall had been overdone helped shares recover.

Rumours that a large government bond holding had been sold and the funds switched into equities aided the rally.

**Carlton**

With next week packed with British economic statistics, including the revision on second quarter balance of payments figures, dealers see the thin, nervous trading continuing.

Carlton dropped 99p to 585 after its rights issue news which had operators speculating there might be more issues in the pipeline. The Carlton cash call will help pay for its agreed \$780 million bid for Technicolour of the US.

Maxwell also said it was considering raising its alternative offer for MacMillan's information subsidiary to \$1.4 billion from \$1.1 billion.

Tate and Lyle ended 5p higher at 806 after news Cereal Science and Technology is to take a 14.6 per cent stake in its Staley subsidiary for \$175.2 million.

Elsewhere in the food sector RHM was 5p up at 357, with dealers saying the stock looked cheap after recent sharp falls.

Lorho, 11p higher at 261, was the second most actively traded with 8.8 million shares changing hands and dealers said there were growing rumours of stake-building in the company.

Dealers noted that there had been relatively few cash calls this summer and a few companies might risk releasing rights issues now to avoid stiff competition for funds when the British Steel Corporation privatisation gets under way later this year.

**Offer**

Among the major stocks ICI was 2p down at 998, Lloyds Bank eased 3p to 284, Rank dropped 14p to 624. Cons Gold was up 2p at 1,039, BT added 1p to 230, and Unilever rose 4p to 434.

Maxwell Communications was 2p off at 193 after news it was willing to discuss increasing its hostile \$80 a share bid for the publishing group Macmillan.

Pando, 11p off at 532, topped up its stake in Taylor Woodrow to 10 per cent, keeping alive speculation that it would soon make a full bid for the construction company.

## NYSE to begin listing ADRs of foreign bonds

NEW YORK, Sept 9. (AP): The New York Stock Exchange said yesterday it will be the first US marketplace to offer trading in American depository receipts for foreign debt securities, beginning with French Treasury bonds.

American Depository Receipts, or ADRs, are certificates issued by US banks that allow investors to buy foreign stocks with dollars. This is the first time they have been used for debt securities, the NYSE said.

The NYSE said it expected the bonds to be listed by the end of the month, pending regulatory approval, and said it expected other foreign governments and corporations would follow suit.

Credit Lyonnais in Paris is the custodian bank for the French bonds, while its US subsidiary CL Global Partners Securities Corp. is marketing the American Depository Receipts and Bank of New York is the depositary bank.

The New York Stock Exchange already offers 2,600 issues of bonds with a par value of more than \$32 billion, mostly corporate issues. Some foreign government and corporate bonds are also traded, but those are issues that were originally issued in the United States.

## Malaysia earns \$273m from LPG exports

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 9. (OPECNA): Malaysia has earned \$273 million from the export of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) over the past three years.

Between April 1987 and March this year, foreign exchange earnings amounted to \$96.50 million.

Hastim Salleh of the State National Oil Company (Petronas) said ever since LPG displaced charcoal and kerosene for cooking in Malaysia, demand has been met either by the gas processing plant at Port Dickson and Kerian or through imports.

Petronas Dagangan, Petronas' wholly-owned domestic marketing arm, was currently meeting all its LPG needs locally.

In a report in the oil publication "Nada Petronas", Salleh said Malaysia was in a position to supply all its LPG requirements from indigenous sources.

From a strategic point of view, self-sufficiency would be yet another way in which Petronas could fulfil its role under the petroleum development act, he added.

## Plan would benefit mainly 15 countries

## Non-aligned nations call for easing of debt burden

NICOSIA, Sept 9. (Reuters): The non-aligned debt burden of Third World nations and ways to ease it have emerged as major issues at this week's meeting of Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) foreign ministers, delegates said yesterday.

Many speakers at an economic committee meeting backed a call by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Geneva this month for commercial banks to cut by 30 per cent the debts owed by impoverished developing nations, they said.

The plan would benefit mainly 15 countries, all but two of them members or observers of the NAM, who together owe some \$300 billion out of a total \$300 billion of such debt weighing on developing nations.

The debt issue will come up again at the annual meetings of

## My target is to work to create a better, stronger Turkey: premier

## Economic woes increase for Ozal

ANKARA, Sept 9. (Reuters): A rising inflation rate, poor trade figures and a gloomy report on Turkey's economy split trouble today for Prime Minister Turgut Ozal in the run-up to a referendum seen as a vote of confidence in his policies.

**Solved**  
The one bright spot was revenue from tourism, which rose to \$787 million from \$22 million in the first half of 1987.

**Ozal**  
The inflation rate, only 40 per cent a year ago, has done most harm to Ozal, a technocrat and economic free-marketeer who applied last year for full Turkish membership of the European Economic Community.

"Inflation has now reached rates at which its reduction has to be the over-riding priority for policy," the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) said in its 1987-88 survey on Turkey.

The current account deficit for January-to-June widened to \$617 million, compared with \$58

million in the same period last year.

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WASHINGTON, Sept 9. (Reuters): Sharply higher energy prices caused US inflation at the wholesale level to climb 0.6 per cent in August after rising 0.5 per cent in July, the government said today.

The annual inflation rate in Turkey, which is saddled with \$40.8 billion in foreign debts, hit a six-year high of 78.4 per cent this week while the trade position deteriorated in the first six months of the year.

Turkish Central Bank Governor Rısu Saracoglu told Reuters before the survey was

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# The riches are piling up for best-selling novelist

## Tom Clancy: a level-headed success

By Jill Lai

**WASHINGTON** (UPI) — At 41, author Tom Clancy is very rich, is enjoying life, is perhaps more supportive of the military than ever, and, while wildly successful, still has everything in fine perspective.

He manages the last in part by reading criticism of his writing.

"If all you get is praise you turn into a jerk and critics, even if I disagree with them, at least they keep my feet on the ground," he said. "You have to step back from yourself at least once a day and look at yourself and say 'has he screwed up today?'

"You have to do that, and fortunately I had Jesuit education, had good parents and I've learned to do that. It's necessary. One of the things I've practiced over the years is to be as objective as I can about myself, because if I'm my own best critic, at least I have a line of defense against turning into a jerk. Probably my greatest fear is turning into a rich jerk."

The riches are certainly piling up. Hardcover and paperback editions of his novels fly immediately to the top of best-seller lists. His latest, *The Cardinals of the Kremlin* is no exception.

Like *The Hunt for Red October* and *Red Storm Rising*, this again is a tale of a struggle between American and Soviet powers, a clear-cut, good guy-bad guy scenario with the Americans clearly the winner.

But that is how Clancy sees it.

"Well, they (the Soviets) are the bad guys and we are the good guys. 'Glasnost' is a very interesting process. It holds great promise for the Soviet Union and the world; it's real. I think we should encourage the Russians but at the same time, I think we want to keep the hand to the wallet for the time being."

Acknowledging that Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is an honest to God guy, Clancy immediately adds: "But it's got a lot more to do before we're



Tom Clancy: his grasp of military technology makes some uncomfortable

going to date one of our kids.

Clancy, who sold insurance before he began writing, is able to grasp and write about technology — the supersecret Stealth bomber in one book and the 'Star Wars' defense in this one — with a skill that makes some uncomfortable.

But he is outraged at any suggestion that he might be the source of military leaks. "Anyone who would leak any information should be arrested," he said vehemently.

Although he says his material comes only from sources available to the public, it still sometimes sends shivers down the collective back of the military and intelligence communities.

"The way it looks to me," Clancy said, "is that the people who have access to the real stuff don't pay attention to what's

available to the ordinary citizen because their stuff is better. Therefore the stuff available to me gets a little better a little more quickly than they think is likely and they're a little surprised that I'm catching up with them."

### Contact

If anything, the contact he has had with the military since *The Hunt for Red October* appeared in 1985 has only increased his support and respect for the armed forces. Unable to serve himself because of his poor vision, Clancy feels there is too much interference with the military and too little appreciation for what they do.

"For all we ask of them, they don't ask very much of us, just a little bit of respect and maybe a clear mission statement once in a while," he said. "They'll go out and die for us if we ask, but

### Progress

on his next book — which will be about what would happen if the military were brought in to help deal with the international drug trade — is slow right now because of Clancy's legal battle with the naval institute press, which first published *The Hunt for Red October*.

### Character

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we owe them something. We owe them respect."

He feels there is a tendency, "almost a tradition," in Western society to deal with an insoluble problem by handing it to the military and doing so without any explanation, then leaving the soldier to bear the brunt of criticism.

"The crushing degree of oversight we get in the military guarantees failure," he said. "Give them a mission that they're trained for and let them do the job, and they'll do the job."

"Put them some place where they don't want to be, don't tell them what their mission is or give them a mission they're not trained for, and say 'go do it whether you like it or not.' ... then don't blame them if they don't get it right."

"Of course our society always blames them," Clancy said, a statement that then leads him to his next *bête noir* — the media.

He rails against reporters, especially those covering the military, who he says lack sufficient knowledge to "ask intelligent questions."

"It's almost as though there's rule in the reporting business that a reporter is not allowed to have basic knowledge on the field he reports on. I realize that's a strong statement but I see a lot of it," he said, referring mainly to military affairs reporters.

Clancy admits to the possibility that he is too harsh and says he is tossing ideas around with Washington Post reporter Bob Woodward about viewing a journalist's life from the working end.

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"It's kind of like having a kid," Clancy said, shaking his head. "You and your husband are in the delivery room, you push and the head comes out and the doctor picks him up and says 'OK, I'm taking the kid home with me because I delivered him.' You say wait a minute, we created him. And the doctor says, 'well I delivered him so he's got to be mine.'

The matter is in arbitration. "I'm pretty mad about it but I can only be mad about two hours a day, then I go back to my normal self," Clancy laughed.

His normal self relaxes by shooting on a friend's firing range — a subject that provokes a lengthy discussion on gun control as an infringement on one's civil rights.

Clancy says he also tweaks his wife, Wanda, about spending his earnings, and helps take care of their four children, ages 2 1/2 to 15.

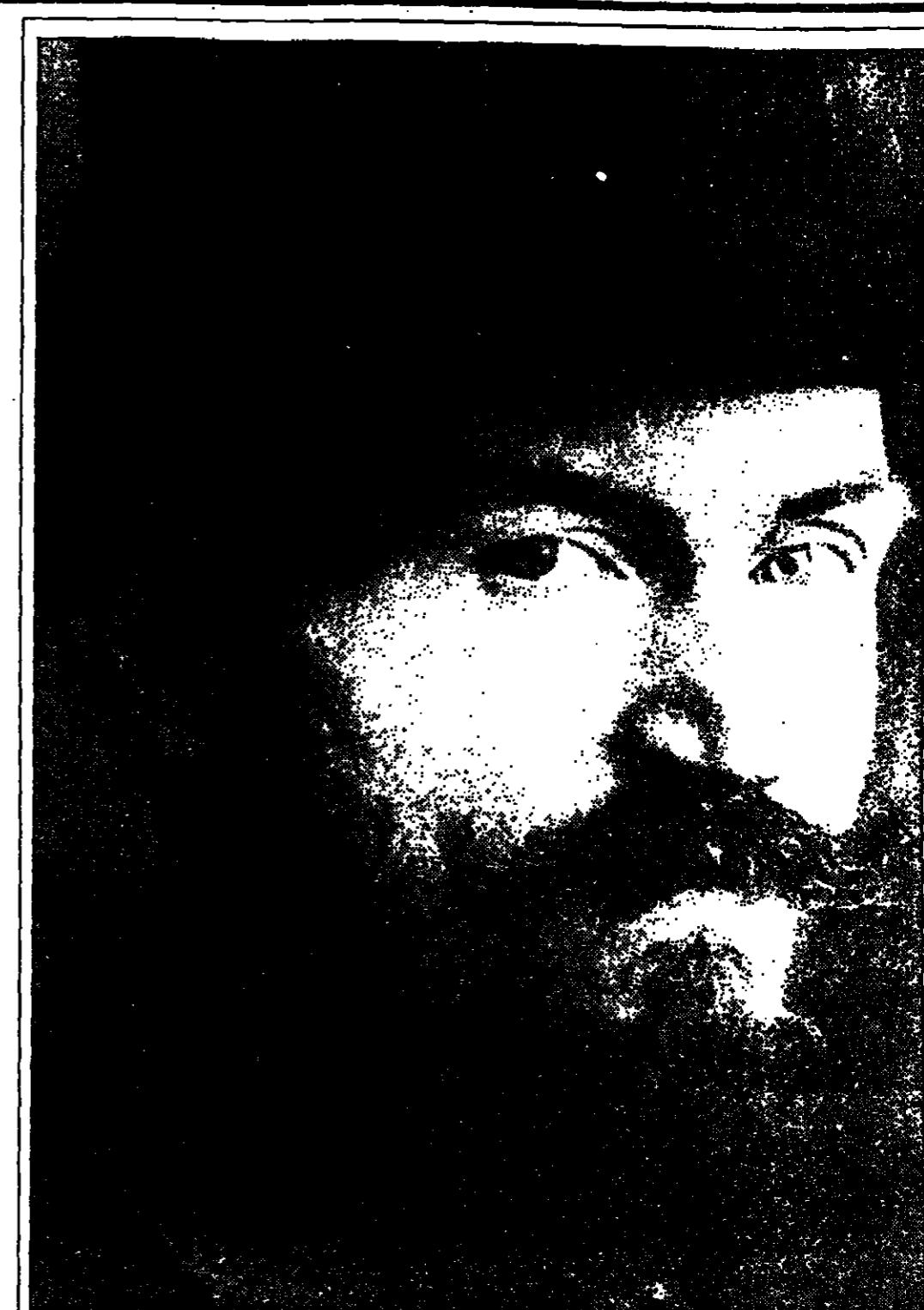
The new Clancy abode is being built on a cliff overlooking the Chesapeake bay — one situated much like the one in *Patriot Games*.

And he is still getting used to being recognized, and rather embarrassedly enjoying even being called a nerd by some. "Jocks get old, nerds get smart. If we weren't smart we wouldn't have been nerds in the first place," he grinned. "A nerd is a geek with brains."

As for his writing, Clancy said, "I'm in the entertainment business. It is my mission in life to take people away from driving trucks or fixing toilets, operating on people's hearts or whatever it is they do."

"I take them away from that and show them something different. And they get enjoyment from that. And that's purpose enough for any man."

"I'm living out my dream now," he said. "That's the ultimate success. I'm doing exactly what I always wanted to do with my life. That's as good as it gets. I've got four kids, I've got a wife who loves me, I've got a house in the country and it's going pretty well."



George Bernard Shaw: his letters are compulsively readable

## Trivial and sublime correspondence of Shaw

## A compulsive man of letters

By Thomas D' Evelyn

**BERNARD SHAW**, Collected Letters, 1926-1950, Volume 4, edited by Dan H. Laurence, New York: Viking, 946 pp. \$45.

All my heroes — Cicero, St Paul, Erasmus — had epistles.

Their compulsion to write letters. Their weakness was their strength. The republic, the early church, Christian humanism — these live in their letters. And perhaps they are heroes to me because they have done what I cannot seem to do: keep up with my correspondence!

From the evidence of four big volumes of letters, Bernard Shaw had it, too. With the appearance of Volume 4, the project of publishing his enormous correspondence is complete. The moment to size up Shaw has arrived.

At his death in 1950, Shaw had become "GBS" — a cultural quantity known the world over.

The elements that went into this character were complex. A confessed "born philanderer" and iconoclast, Shaw was also idealistic.

Explaining his attitudes toward "relics" — the GBS manuscripts — he said, "I am an Irish Protestant in the marrow of my bones." On most occasions, though, he was an outspoken atheist.

A socialist, he attacked communists who attacked fascism, believing that what the British parliamentary system lacked could be supplied in part by lessons from Mussolini and Stalin. He apparently believed in a revolution of the intellectual, not the proletariat.

In brief, Shaw was the quintessence of something that never quite came into focus. Paul Johnson wrote in *Moderate Times* that "the evaporation of religious faith among the educated left a vacuum in the minds of Western intellectuals easily filled by secular superstition ... They needed to believe; they wanted to be duped."

Perhaps, if Shaw needed to believe and wanted to be duped, he also needed to write about it. In any event, Volume 4 of the letters shows him doing what he does best: writing.

### Style

However absurd his opinions, Shaw's style puts him up there with Cicero and Erasmus. However tedious and silly the man, the style is wise. Shaw's candor saved him from being a crank. Compulsively composed, his letters are compulsively readable.

Shaw's low opinion of Christianity is well known. He attacked the gospel of suffering in what he called "crosstianity." He did not deny Jesus' goodness. He thought St. Paul "a rather mad writer," but only a degree madder than "a rather sane one like Voltaire." He wrote wonder-

ful letters to the Abbess Laurentia McLachlan, once asking her rhetorically, "Why in the name of all the saints does she fly out at me when I devoutly insist that the Godhead must contain the Mother as well as the Father?"

He's as interesting on politics as on religion. During the Spanish Civil War, Shaw was asked to sign an appeal urging republican and nationalist Spain to forgo bombing civilians. He would not. He wrote, "The notion that the killing of civilians, women & children is worse than the killing of soldiers can be held only by horrified people who have not thought out the subject."

Shaw thought out subjects, trivial and sublime. After attending a Paramount Picture starring Gary Cooper, he wrote in 1937, "The affair was in effect a movie, not a talkie: a movie without the qualities derived from the speechlessness." His dramatist's ear was not satisfied with the screenplay by Clifford Odets. Shaw's socialism was thought through. He wrote to Harold Laski, the political scientist and author, in 1945: "None of us foresaw then that the revolution would be achieved in Russia (of all places!) by a minority of excessively sophisticated Marxists; and that they would make every possible catastrophe mistake until they were driven by sheer force of facts to establish the present Russo-Fabian state."

Shaw always saw things intellectually; hence he was always catching up. Of Bergen-Belsen, the Nazi concentration camp established in 1943 as a POW camp and Jewish transit camp (Anne Frank died there), he wrote in 1945, "Belsen was obviously produced by incompetence and breakdown of the military command."

As Shaw wrote in 1946, "The truth is sometimes the funniest joke in the world until it is thoroughly found out." He was an apostle of happiness who approached the opposite sex the way he approached everything: experimentally, with faith in his ability to think it through. He once claimed he was the first playwright to put sexual intercourse on the stage. He believed in exercise and vegetarianism as much as sex. He loved beautiful actresses and married a homely Irish woman who appeared to share with him little more than his aversions to tobacco and marriage. Unlike the actresses, Charlotte Payne-Townsend would not be molded, she had to be married. Besides, she was rich. After 20 years of living hand to mouth, Shaw had money.

But it's Shaw's fictive women — Pygmalion, Major Barbara, Saint Joan — that absorbed him — and absorb us. I've argued that the greatness of Shaw's correspondence springs from his deep need to continually refresh himself as things change. Per-

haps this insight into art, even more than their beauty, is why he loved actresses.

Here's his eulogy of Ellen Terry, the great Shakespearean actress, and one of the "born philanderer's" great preoccupations. Shaw was 84 when, in 1940, he wrote:

Keener

The ancient Pagans, who had a much keener sense of public decency than we have, used to close all their civilian temples when they went to war, and keep only the Barbarian ones open. I am not at all sure that you ought not to close the Barn Theatre, Ellen's temple, for the duration. Possibly the military authorities will close it under the Emergency Act. They would if they had any sense; for no matter how often and how loudly we recite the warlike slogans from Richard the Second and Henry the Fifth, those of us who are old enough to have heard Ellen telling us that "the quality of mercy is not strained" have only to recall her voice to become incapable of killing the Germans or anyone else. The worse we can wish even for Mr Hitler himself is to hear him not in a railway carriage, but in the courts of the Doge of Venice.

Intimacy and history, past and present, fantasy, memory, and headlined reality mix here in eloquent — but never merely elegant — proportions.

Art and life become one; the unity of truth and beauty reveal a form that verges on revelation.

Letters survive their occasions, but only by being true to them. Much praise is due Dan H. Laurence, Shaw's editor. He's been at it for 27 years. (He has also produced a Shaw bibliography and editions of Shaw's Music and Collected Plays and has promoted Shaw through Canada's Shaw Festival Company.)

Previous volumes have been rightly named models of discreet, reader-friendly editing. Laurence has avoided "bibliographical mania" and given us a monument worthy of Shavianism, whose "intelligence, honesty, astonishing zest, and vast good humour" is at present threatened, he says, by "biographical paparazzi and frenetic Freudians." (Laurence doesn't footnote his own prose: a paparazzo is a free-lance photographer of the sort that makes life exciting for Jackie Onassis and Sean Penn.)

Writing his letters nearly exhausted Shaw. We can only be glad he found the strength. They bear witness to the modern man of letters as hero, as someone who, having disavowed the possibility of grace, thinks things through. Finally, they warn of the dangers of excessive clarity. The *Christian Science Monitor* News Service.

## Redemption through human love

By S. Mackay

SARA Banerji has an impressive literary pedigree. She is a descendant of Henry Fielding, the daughter of the novelist Anne Mary Fielding and she was born in a house adjoining Stoke Poges church, whose "curfew tolls the knell of parting day." Despite this provenance, her third novel, *The Tea-Planter's Daughter*, is as far from an English country chateau in its setting as it is inelégant in tone and intent.

This celebration of the richness of life and of redemption through human love opens on an extraordinary, stormy day on a remote tea plantation in southern India.

As the wind rages, roads flood, trees are uprooted and rampaging elephants destroy everything in their path, the Hindu servants are making

frantic preparations for their mistress's 25th birthday party. They note with increasing alarm that Missed's "wilderness" is coming upon her.

Julia Clockhouse, demented because her husband, Ben, has not returned from a visit to another estate in his jurisdiction, takes his horse out on a death-defying gallop through the monsoon, and then settles into the pink gins. Julia's celebrated craziness is attributed to being dropped on her head as a baby, and is manifested in levitation and an ability to move objects by willpower.

It was her brutish father who virtually sold Julia to Ben, promising him the post of estate manager in return for taking his daughter off his hands. Ben promised Julia's mother, Gwen, that he would make Julia happy but Gwen, an obsessive painter, had always been more concerned with light

and pigment than with her daughter.

For a while Julia, of the luminous hair crackling with supernatural energy, and lonely Ben, inexplicably detested by his mother, do make each other almost disgracefully happy, then comes estrangement. Before the story ends on a triumphant love duet they must overcome not only the elements but the bitterness of the past and accept themselves as they are. This is above all a generous book, as much in its depiction of the gin-swilling Europeans in the clubhouse as in the tenderness expressed by the more dignified Indian servants, dazzling with colour and light and convincing in its interweaving of fantasy and mysticism with the comic banalities of life.

*The Tea-Planter's Daughter* by Sara Banerji, Collage £11.95 pp90.

## Photo images of Yemen

By Jennifer Potter

FREYA Stark complained about the roads, but found the long rolling plains and blue-tinted hills of North Yemen too beautiful for words. The images in Arabian Moons convey better than the text this most majestic landscape, which stretches from the hot dusty plains of the Red Sea to the precipitous man-made terraces and hill-top villages, perched like fortified eyries on the pinnacles of the jagged highlands, and down again to the Empty Quarter.

It seems that Harold Wilson gave the Beatles the MBE because they dismantled their tax shelter in the Caribbean, under the influence, it is suggested, of that, "wealthy real-estate developer," Lord Goodman. I would trust Goodman's opinions on British public life more readily had he not already described Wilfred Brambell's voice as a "cut-crystal brogue". Come off it Albert, you dirty, terrible little man!

Incidentally from clues given in this text I think I might know the identity of Goodman's next victim. If you're reading this Bob Dylan, check your garbage extra-carefully tonight.

Lives of John Lennon, by Albert Goldman (Bantam £15)

of women in a country where the majority are heavily veiled and altogether unwilling to be photographed. They indicate the measure of trust patiently won by the Marechaux in their 12 years of travel.

The text by ethnologist Dominique Champault is generally informative, but humourless and irritating: "Water is life," we learn. "Like the heartbeat of a man, it is the pulse of a mountain-side, flowing freely underground." Structure is pretentious too: three sequences of images organized around a day, a year, the centuries. Only the first, centred on a wedding party has any proper coherence, and, although concerned with the passage of time, the photographs stop short of confronting the present.

The text hints at Western influences pre-recorded tapes of the call to prayer, television in the men's *mairaj* or upper

room where they gather to chew qat, a narcotic shrub that looks and tastes like privet. But one has to search hard for any suggestion of the new in the photographs: a stainless steel wrist-watch worn among wedding finery; a safety pin holding in place a veil of artificial pearls; a neon light.

The Marechaux frame everything with discretion, avoiding the

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**Kingdom  
will clinch  
Games' title:  
Ridgeon**

NAGARA, Japan, Sept. 9, (Reuter): Defending champion Roger Kingdom will romp to his second Olympic 10 metres hurdles gold medal at the Seoul Games, one of his main rivals thinks.

Britain's world championship silver medallist Jonathan Ridgeon believes the American will leave the rest chasing the minor medals in the Olympic final.

"It seems to me that Roger Kingdom has stamped his name on the gold medal," Ridgeon said from the British team's magnificent pre-Games training camp 100 km outside Tokyo.

"He is in pretty awesome shape this year and should win gold on his form this season."

"He's as strong as an ox and fast as hell," said the 21-year-old Cambridge University student.

"But the other medals are open. Anyone who runs well on the day could win a medal — but perhaps not the gold."

Kingdom raced to a surprise victory in Los Angeles four years ago, but was then laid low by injury for two years.

But the 26-year-old has returned this year better than ever and has clocked the second and fourth fastest legal times in history.

**Ridgeon**

His best of 12.97 seconds — just 0.04 of a second outside compatriot Renaldo Nehemiah's 1981 world mark — remains the quickest in the world this year.

Should Kingdom win gold, he will become only the second man to retain the Olympic high hurdles title following Lee Calhoun's triumph in 1956 and 1960.

Ridgeon believes his own prospects have been dimmed by a virus infection which cost him six weeks' early season training and regards the two-week build-up to the Games as vital to his hopes.

"Obviously the priority for me is to make the final. Once you're there, anything can happen," said the World Student Games champion and former European junior gold medallist.

"I don't think the times are going to be stunning in the final," Ridgeon added.

"A lot of hurdlers are going to find it tough. They're going to have to run well in the semifinals — and then they will find themselves hitting wood in the final."

SALAMANCA, Spain, Sept. 9, (Reuter): Cuban Javier Sotomayor broke the world high-jump record yesterday with a leap of 2.43 metres.

The previous record of 2.42 metres was set by Sweden's Patrick Sjoeberg on June 30 last year in Stockholm.

But Sotomayor will miss the Seoul Olympic Games because of the Cuban boycott.

Sotomayor said, later of his record: "This was the greatest wish of my life... I am very happy today. I have no words to express what I feel."

The Spanish crowd sensed a record was in prospect when the Cuban easily cleared 2.40 metres at the first attempt.

**Soared**

He then asked for the bar to be raised to 2.43, failed the first time but then soared clear to the delight of everyone.

Sotomayor, 21 next month, served notice on Sjoeberg in June of this year that he was after his record when he beat the Swede into third place at an international meeting in Sweden.

He cleared 2.38 metres that night but failed when the bar was raised to 2.43.

He also beat the Swede on Aug. 31 in Rieti, Italy, but only cleared 2.33, compared to Sjoeberg's 2.30.

**Olympic bid  
for Coe fails**

LONDON, Sept. 9, (Reuter): A late bid to include double Olympic champion Seb Coe in the British team for Seoul has floundered.

And with the deadline for entries having passed yesterday, it seemed that the door had finally closed on Coe competing in the Olympics.

Officials here asked the British Olympic Association in South Korea to put Coe's name forward for the 4x400 metres relay squad.

They apparently thought that Coe could be switched at the last minute to either the 800 or 1,500 metres if compatriot Steve Cram, who suffered a calf muscle injury last week, was unfit.

But when the information was relayed to the British athletics team management in Japan, they discovered that any athlete named in a relay squad could not be switched to any individual event at the last minute.

**STEUA CRUSH SPARTA IN OPENER**

# Gullit takes Milan to 2-0 win over Sofia

October 5.

With holders PSV Eindhoven enjoying a first round bye, it was left to the 1986 winners Steaua Bucharest to display the quality expected of potential champions by winning 5-1 away to Sparta Prague.

The accomplished Romanian Army team came from a goal down to claim a spectacular victory with Marius Lacatus and Gheorghe Hagi each scoring twice and Dimitru Stoica netting once in reply to Roman Kulenta's 18th minute opener.

Yugoslav champions Red Star Belgrade also hit five goals as they stormed to a 5-0 win in Ireland over Dundalk.

After a poor start in the Spanish First Division, Real Madrid, six times winners of the trophy and beaten semi-finalists last season, recovered something like their usual form by crushing Mous of Norway 3-0.

All the goals came in the first half from Sebastian Losada, Miguel Tendillo and Emilio Butragueno to the relief of the Santiago Bernabeu stadium.

On an encouraging night for East European teams, there were victories for Soviet champions Spartak Moscow, who beat Glentoran of Northern Ireland



Ingoen of Gothenburg Sweden and Konstantinou of Perzoporikos (foreground) challenge each other for possession of the ball during a European Cup match. Gothenburg won 2-1.

(Reuter wirephoto)

2-0, Gornik Zabrze of Poland, 3-0 victors over Jeunesse Esch of Luxembourg and Honved Budapest, who revived memories of their past glories with a 1-0 win against Glasgow Celtic.

Jan Urban, the powerful and skilful Polish midfielder, scored twice for Gornik in their victory.

In the Cup Winners' Cup, holders Mechelen of Belgium

showed no signs of relinquishing their hold on the trophy they captured by beating Ajax Amsterdam in Strasbourg last May as they thrashed Beggen of Luxembourg 5-0.

But they owed the impetus of their victory to the striking power of two Dutchmen — Erwin Koeman, one of the brothers who starred alongside Gullit for the Netherlands in West Germany and former Ajax striker Johnny Bosman.

Koeman opened the scoring after 39 minutes and Bosman netted twice with a 61st minute penalty and in the 84th minute. Piet den Boer and transfer-seeking Eli Ohana grabbed the other goals.

To add to the continuing influence of Dutchmen in European soccer, Barcelona — now coached by Johan Cruyff, the former Ajax coach and a star player for the Catalan club in the 1970s — won 2-0 in Iceland against Fram Reykjavik. Spanish international midfielder Roberto Fernandez scoring both goals.

In the UEFA Cup there was a shock for holders Bayer Leverkusen who lost 1-0 at home to Portuguese League leaders Benfica.

Stoycho Mladenov shot the

tough Lisbon side ahead after only six minutes and, though they enjoyed territorial advantage and plenty of possession, the West Germans — coached this season by Dutchman Rinus Michels — could not find way of breaking through.

Michels the Dutch European Championship-winning coach, said: "We all know the rules in the UEFA Cup. If you lose at home you don't have much hope of getting any further... But I think there's a possibility of getting through to the second round in Lisbon."

Argentine World Cup-winning captain Diego Maradona was the saviour for his Italian club Napoli who scraped a 1-0 win over Paok Salonika of Greece.

Maradona scored the only goal of the game with a 58th minute penalty to spare his team the wrath of a 65,000 crowd at the Sao Paolo stadium.

But Juventus slipped to a 1-0 defeat in Romania. Profir scoring the only goal of their tie with Otelul Galati from the penalty spot.

Benfica, beaten European Cup finalists last season, made an emphatic start to their UEFA Cup campaign by winning 3-0 in France against Montpellier.

**BASEBALL  
ROUNDUP**

## Astros overcome Dodgers

HOUSTON, Sept. 9, (AP): Nolan Ryan pitched a five-hitter and didn't walk a batter for the first time this year as he led the second-place Houston Astros to a 2-1 decision over the National League West-leading Los Angeles Dodgers last night.

"I felt good, and if I feel that I can still be effective late in the game, I want the complete game," said the 41-year-old right-hander, who helped the Astros move within five games of the Dodgers with his third complete game of the year.

It was the first time in 31 starts this season that Ryan, the Major League's all-time leader in walks with 2,441, had gone an entire game without walking a batter.

Ryan, who beat the Dodgers for the first time in his last five attempts, has allowed only eight walks in his last six starts — a span covering 42 innings.

**Reds 2, Padres 1**

Jose Rijo, making his first start since Aug. 14, combined with two relievers on a four-hitter as Cincinnati ended a six-game San Diego winning streak.

Rijo, 12-8, who had been on the disabled list since Aug. 18 with tendinitis in his right elbow, allowed only two hits in six innings.

He struck out six and retired 15 consecutive batters in one stretch.

**Mets 13, Cubs 6**

Howard Johnson had five of New York's seven-high 20 hits, including a three-run homer in a five-run seventh, to lead the Mets.

Darryl Strawberry hit his League-leading 33rd homer and a pair of singles to drive in three runs and Dwight Gooden, 17-6, won his fourth consecutive decision. Gooden, who allowed 10 hits in six innings, is 15-3 lifetime against Chicago.

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## S. Koreans watch Games rehearsals



A South Korean dancer dressed in a traditional 'hanbok' costume waves an Olympic flag during the rehearsal. (Reuter wirephoto)

Few knew the names of foreign athletes, though at least one looked forward to the eagerly-awaited clash on the track between sprinters Carl Lewis of the United States and Canadian Ben Johnson.

Athletes were gradually filling the Olympic village where officials said more than 2,100 from 79 countries were now in residence. About 13,000 from 161 countries are expected.

Meanwhile Olympic officials are leaving nothing to chance as they prepare for another round in the often fruitless fight to stamp out drug abuse in sport.

In the 20 years since doping controls were first introduced at the Winter Olympics in Grenoble, France, drug usage has invaded almost every corner of the sporting spectrum.

**Improve**

The Olympic movement has made strenuous efforts to deter athletes from using prohibited substances to improve performance and has devised elaborate procedures for the Seoul Games to pinpoint drug miscreants.

"We are 100 per cent confident we will catch any athlete using drugs and we are also 100 per cent certain no one will be able to challenge the results," said Dr Park Chong-Se, who works in the Games' official testing laboratory.

Most of those interviewed in the audience were looking to the country's judo experts to satisfy the demand for gold, although there was also hope for medals in table tennis, wrestling and boxing.

Mennea to take part in Olympics

ROME, Sept. 9, (Reuter): World 200 metres record holder Pietro Mennea will go to Seoul with the Italian Olympic team, the Italian Athletic Federation said yesterday.

The federation could not confirm what races if any he would run, but said he would probably compete in the 200 metres and be held in reserve for the relay.

Mennea, who at the age of 36 will be contesting his fifth Olympic Games, is also expected to lead the Italian squad at the opening ceremony, the federation said.

He set his record of 19.72 seconds at high altitude in Mexico City in 1979.

## Tyson denies he tried to commit suicide



Green (right) argues with a construction worker outside Tyson's hospital room. (Reuter wirephoto)

NEW YORK, Sept. 9, (Reuter): World heavyweight champion Mike Tyson yesterday denied a newspaper report that a car crash which put him in hospital for three days was a suicide attempt.

"It's ridiculous," Tyson told a New York television station in his first interview since the New York Daily News article was published on Wednesday.

"I can't believe somebody could consider me trying to kill myself. No one loves life more than I do."

Tyson's car crashed into a tree on Sunday near his training camp 150 miles north of New York City.

**Transferred**

The undisputed champion blacked out for 20 to 30 minutes and sustained a concussion, doctors said. He was transferred to a Manhattan hospital for tests and observation. He left the hospital on Wednesday.

Tyson, interviewed by telephone, gave station WNYW his explanation of the accident. "I just took off and lost control. I always take off kind of crazy and drive kind of fast."

Doctors have ordered Tyson not to train for 30 to 60 days, forcing postponement of a title defence against Britain's Frank Bruno in London which had been scheduled for October 22.

That bout had already been

postponed by two weeks after Tyson broke his right hand in a street scuffle with former heavyweight contender Mitch Green.

Brune said on Wednesday he was disappointed over the latest postponement of his fight but was still keen to meet Tyson.

"It's sickening but what do you want me to do, start crying?" he said.

"It has been a bit confusing but I am a man now. That's life," he said, adding: "I want to prove myself against the champion."

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**SPORTS****SPORTS BRIEFS****World record**

EAST BERLIN, Sept. 9. (Reuter): Petra Felke set a world women's javelin record of 80.00 metres today on the second day of the East German pre-Olympic athletics meeting. Felke, 29, set the previous record of 78.90 metres at a meeting in Leipzig on July 29 last year.

**England manager**

LONDON, Sept. 9. (Reuter): England soccer manager Bobby Robson said yesterday he had seriously considered resigning but had decided to stay on until their World Cup fate was decided.

**New engines**

MONZA, Italy, Sept. 9. (Reuter): Honda confirmed today they will be splitting with Lotus and supplying only McLaren with their new normally-aspirated engines next season.

**World champion**

MONZA, Italy, Sept. 9. (Reuter): World champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil will stay with Lotus for next year's Formula One motor racing season, the British team announced today.

**Mary Slaney**

EUGENE, Oregon, Sept. 9. (Reuter): US athletics star Mary Slaney, a strong Olympic gold medal prospect over 1,500 and 3,000 metres, has an infection for more than two weeks and has only just resumed training for Seoul, the Oregonian newspaper reported yesterday.

**St Leger race**

DONCASTER, England, Sept. 9. (Reuter): Brave filly Diamundo, unbeaten since the English 1,000 Guineas, looks set to give top trainer Henry Cecil a third St Leger victory in four years tomorrow.

**Boris Becker**

MUNICH, West Germany, Sept. 9. (Reuter): Twice Wimbledon champion Boris Becker said today he would not take part in the Seoul Olympics after all because an injury to his right foot had not healed.

**Swiss champion**

GENEVA, Sept. 9. (Reuter): Swiss world and European shot champion Werner Guenthoer's training for the Seoul Olympics has been interrupted by an attack of gastric flu. Swiss television reported yesterday.

**Close battle**

SEOUL, Sept. 9. (Reuter): One of the most hotly contested battles for honours in Seoul will be decided two days before the Olympics officially open. The venue for the 1994 Winter Games is to be chosen by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on September 15 from a field of four eager candidates.

**London side to play in Kuwait**

A BRITISH Airways cricket team is scheduled to play two matches in Kuwait next month.

The side from London will include former Indian Test star Farokh Engineer and Don Wilson, MCC head coach at Lords. Wilson has also played for England.

The team will be staying at the Kuwait Sheraton, who together with Afghans are co-sponsors of this event, which has been organised to celebrate the launch of a flight to Madras by the British Airways.

The first match will be against a Kuwait Select XI on October 21, and the second on October 23 against Great Britain XI.

**Agassi eliminates Connors**

# Garrison shocks Navratilova at US Open

NEW YORK, Sept. 9. (Reuter): Zina Garrison pulled off the biggest upset of the shock-filled US Open tennis championships when she toppled two-time defending champion Martina Navratilova in a three-set thriller on Wednesday to reach the semifinals.

Garrison, who had failed to reach a tournament final all year, beat the world number two 6-4 6-7 7-5 for her first victory after 21 defeats to Navratilova.

**Struggled**

The 24-year-old Garrison, the 11th seed, squandered a 5-0 lead in the second set as Navratilova struggled out of a hole that would have given Houdini 6-6-0.

The third-seeded Evert, the 33-year-old six-time Open champion, fought off Manuela Maleeva, Katerina's older sister, 3-6 6-4 6-2, while Sabatini, the fifth seed, overcame Larisa Savchenko of the Soviet Union 4-6 6-4 6-1.

Wilder, trying to add his

first Open title to victories earlier this year at the Australian and French championships, regrouped after a sluggish start

to eliminate stubborn Spaniard Emilio Sanchez 3-6 7-6 6-0 6-4.

Yesterday teenager Andre Agassi showed Jimmy Connors the future of American tennis, eliminating the 36-year-old veteran in straight sets in the quarterfinals.

Agassi, who rocketed from 27th in the world at the beginning of the year to fourth now, overpowered a game Connors with a 6-2 7-6 (8-6) 6-1 victory, the 23rd consecutive win for the 18-year-old Agassi.

Agassi will face three-time defending champion Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia in a semifinal match tomorrow.

The top-seeded Lendl advanced with his best match of the Open so far by eliminating unseeded American Derrick Rostagno 6-2 6-2 6-0.

The other men's semifinal pits unseeded Australian Darren Cahill against Wilder.

Connors, a five-time US Open champion who was a profes-

sional player when Agassi was born, was as game as his 36-year-old legs would allow. But in the end it was the youth and the powerful and deep groundstrokes of the younger man which ruled the match.

"I didn't think he had it in him," Agassi said of Connors. "His will to fight was unbelievable, so intense you could feel it."

Agassi's older sister Manuela offered Evert a stern test before the third seed prevailed.

**Out**

Evert pulled out of the semifinals of the US Open today because of a stomach virus, organisers said.

Evert's withdrawal gave Graf a free pass into tomorrow's women's singles final.

Graf's opponent in the final will be fifth-seeded Gabriela Sabatini, who defeated No. 11 Zina Garrison 6-4, 7-5 in today's semifinals.

The Texan, one of the few black women players on the

**PLAYERS WITH S. AFRICA LINKS FACE VISA BAN**

# India scuppers England cricket tour

NEW DELHI, Sept. 9. (Reuter): The Indian government effectively scuppered England's winter cricket tour of India today by saying it would refuse visas to players with South African links.

At least eight of England's 16-strong squad named for the 11-week tour, including captain Graham Gooch, would be barred from entering India by the government's decision.

A spokesman for the External Affairs Ministry did not name individuals but made clear it was casting its net wide.

"We must make it abundantly clear that we would not permit entry into India for the purposes of the tour any player having, or likely to have, sporting links with South Africa," he said.

**Spelled**

The other seven players selected who figure on a United Nations' blacklist of sportsmen with South African links are vice-captain John Emburey, Allan Lamb, Kim Barnett, Rob Bailey, Tim Robinson, Graham Dilley and Phil Newport.

Asked whether the decision spelled the end of England's tour, due to start in December, the spokesman told reporters: "I do not think that they can play with eight players."

The Indian government's action was not aimed at individual players, he said, but at England's Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) which had delayed tougher measures



Gooch: aroused Indian anger

against cricketers playing in South Africa.

England signed the anti-apartheid Gleneagles agreement in 1977, raising expectations that it would work to reduce sporting contacts with South Africa.

"Players who have wilfully chosen to play in South Africa in

on the clear understanding that a West Indies and Zimbabwe resolution to the International Cricket Conference (ICC) to tighten restrictions would be pressed.

"Nothing could be resolved, largely owing to the attitudes of the TCCB, which we understand has introduced a new issue claiming a right of veto in favour of the founder members, England and Australia," the spokesman said.

In London, TCCB officials were expected to study the Indian statement before deciding whether to call off the trip or wait for official rejection of the eight players from the tour.

TCCB chief executive Alan Smith said: "We want confirmation of the precise nature of the statement. If eight of our players are rejected, everybody knows what that means."

"If the tour is off — and it looks as though it is if these statements are correct — it will take a bit of time to consider if we can arrange something else for the winter."

Indian ire was roused particularly by Gooch's announcement after his appointment that he had broken a contract to play in South Africa in order to take the captaincy.

A vehement campaign against allowing Gooch into India was mounted by anti-apartheid activists.

The Indian decision was immediately welcomed by Anand Sharma, a member of

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) party, who spearheaded the anti-Gooch campaign.

Sharma said in a statement he hoped "the TCCB will do some self-introspection and join the rest of the world to ban players having links with South Africa."

The External Affairs Ministry spokesman said India was forced to act now because it could not wait until the next ICC meeting in January, but denied any links with India's bid to host the 1994 Commonwealth Games.

Sports Ministry sources, however, said the decision on the venue, to be announced in Seoul on September 15, was a factor in the Indian decision to bar the England eight because of the number of black African votes at stake.

**Current**

Meanwhile, a prominent English politician forecast the end of international cricket in its current form.

John Carlisle, a Member of Parliament with the ruling Conservative Party, said: "We must now tell the Indians that we are sorry but the tour cannot go ahead in these circumstances. Today sees the end of international cricket as we know it."

"The message to the selectors is that they must stand firm and by their original selection. The Indians must be told that England selectors choose the team and not the Indian government."

## Wood and Siddons lift Australia

QUETTA, Pakistan, Sept. 9. (Reuter): Australia were put in a sound position by Graeme Wood and Jamie Siddons on course for a record 10th pole position in one season when he clocked the fastest time in today's opening qualifying session for the Italian Grand Prix motor race.

Senna, who leads McLaren team-mate Alain Prost by three points and three wins in their thrilling duel for the world title, outpaced the Frenchman by just 0.10 of second for the provisional pole.

Senna recorded a best time of one minute 26.160 seconds during the first half of a session run in warm sunshine at the high-speed 5.8-km Monza circuit set in wooded parkland 20 km north of Milan.

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Prost, who conceded he had no realistic hope of beating Senna to the title after the Belgian Grand Prix two weeks ago, showed no signs of relaxation as he drove 18 laps compared to the Brazilian's 12 in a bid to overhaul him.

But his efforts were in vain on a day when the McLaren pair continued to display their supremacy over all their rivals on a circuit tailor-made for the turbo-powered cars.

Wood, recalled for the tour after a three-year absence from Test cricket, and the uncapped Siddons put on 114 for the third wicket after openers Dean Jones and Mike Veletta had both gone cheaply.

Siddons' half century came in his first innings of the tour.

Leg-spinner Peter Sleep helped to consolidate with an unbeaten 32.

**Scoreboard**

AUSTRALIA first innings

D. Jones c Habib Baloch ..... 16

M. Veletta lbw b Azim Hafeez ..... 17

J. Siddons c Tariq Baloch ..... 60

G. Wood c Zulqarnain b Habib Baloch ..... 91

S. Waugh lbw b Iqbal Qasim ..... 22

P. Sleep not out ..... 32

I. Healy c Zulqarnain b Azim Hafeez ..... 4

P. Taylor not out ..... 1

Extras (b-1 lb-2 v-5 sb-1) ..... 9

Total (for six wickets) ..... 252

Fall of wickets: 1-33 2-43 3-157 4-192 5-232 6-249

Bowling to date: Azim Hafeez 11-0-47-2, Habib Baloch 15-3-47-2, Iqbal Qasim 19-5-41-1, Akhtar Hussain 15-2-36-0, Raees Ahmed 13-1-42-0, Tariq Baloch 11-2-18-1, Anwar Miandad 3-0-18-0.

Jansher engaged Martin in a series of long rallies in the open-



Senna (left) with Prost.

## Senna on course for record 10th pole spot

MONZA, Italy, Sept. 9. (Reuter): World championship leader Ayrton Senna of Brazil put himself on course for a record 10th pole position in one season when he clocked the fastest time in breaking the one-minute 27-second barrier.

American Eddie Cheever was fifth quickest with Arrows team mate Derek Warwick just behind him ahead of world champion Nelson Piquet of Brazil in a Lotus.

Italian Alessandro Nannini was ninth fastest, the only normally-aspirated contender in the top 10 in his Benetton.

Senna, who survived one of the few dangerous incidents of the day when he went straight through a sand trap at the second chicane, said he was satisfied with his car.

"It seemed pretty good," he said. "I only used one set of tyres on the race car because I wanted to check that everything was okay with the spare car I am using this weekend."

"I was in the spare when I made the mistake and went straight on at the chicane."

Prost, who complained of fuel injection problems during the free session in the morning, was still not happy in the afternoon.

The Ferrari of Italian Michele Alboreto, making his farewell appearance at Monza, was in the top 10 in his Benetton.

"I'm happy with my form," he said.

Women's top seed Lisa Opie of England reached her final with a simple 15-4 15-6 15-6 win over teammate Fiona Geaves.

"It was easier than I thought," Opie said later. "We play a similar game but I'm a stronger player."

Second-seeded compatriot Martine Le Moignan will face Opie after eliminating third-seeded teammate Lucy Souter 15-6 15-17 15-7 15-10.

Jansher Khan came from behind to beat third seed Chris Dittmar of Australia 5-15 15-4 15-15 15-8 today to set up an all-Pakistani final against second seed Jahangir Khan in the Singapore Squash Open.

Jansher's superior fitness helped him overcome Dittmar's challenge despite the Australian's fine play in the first and third games, when he forced the world number one into repeated errors in long rallies.

Second seed Jahangir, who regained the world title from Jansher this year, got into the final more easily by beating Australian Rodney Martin 15-9 15-10 15-5.

Jahangir engaged Martin in a series of long rallies in the open-



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first Open title to victories earlier this year at the Australian and French championships.

regrouped after a sluggish start